

KNIFE GUIDEBOOK

TIPS ON SAFETY, USE, MAINTENANCE AND SHARPENING

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

As a brand, Case believes it's important to Keep Your Hands Sharp. We feel it's our duty, in part, to help parents teach their children how to do so through proper knife education around safety and usage. Below are resources to educate your children. It's important that your children know a knife can be dangerous if not treated properly or used carefully.

KIDS NEED TO UNDERSTAND:

- × A knife is not a toy. Treat your knife with the respect of a useful tool.
- × A sharp, clean knife is a safe knife. A dull knife could easily injure you.
- × The sharp edge and point of the blade should always be pointed in a safe direction. Only use it when others aren't nearby, and cut away from your body.
- × There are places you should not take knives, such as schools or school functions because they are not allowed.
- × **Use only** when a parent, guardian or responsible adult is supervising.

YOUR FIRST CASE



So, you just got your first knife? Congratulations! This is an important milestone that really shows how mature you are. You've been given a timeless tool, and tools require some knowledge to use.

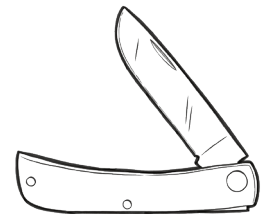
In this pamphlet, we want to help you understand what your knife can and cannot do and how to handle and care for it so that it will last for many, many years.

KNOW YOUR KNIFE TYPES



FIXED

Fixed knives are often sporting or specialty knives made for a variety of outdoor activities. These sturdy knives are kept in a sheath for safe carrying and use.



FOLDING

Folding knives, or pocketknives as they're commonly called, can fold up, so that the blade is protected and carrying is safer and simpler. They're great for a variety of daily tasks.

KNIVES ARE TOOLS

Your knife is more than just a sharp blade with a handle to hold on to. It's a valuable tool that you can find uses for every single day.



- × Opening packages and letters.
- × Sharpening a pencil
(not in school).
- × Cutting loose threads and untying knots.
- × Learning responsibility.
- × Pruning plants and gardening.
- × Whittling and shaving wood.
- × Forming a marshmallow stick.



KNIFE SAFETY TIPS

Always keep safety in mind when using your knife.

- × Only handle your knife with an adult present to supervise.
- × Know how your knife works before using it. Practice safely opening and closing your knife.
- × Always carry your knife with the blade shut or in a sheath.
- × A sharp knife will **always** be safer and do a better job.
- × Only use your knife to cut. Do not use it to hammer, pound, pry, chop, etc.
- × Never throw your knife.
- × Ask yourself, "If my knife accidentally slips, where will it go?" If the answer is "toward me or somebody else's body," change your position.

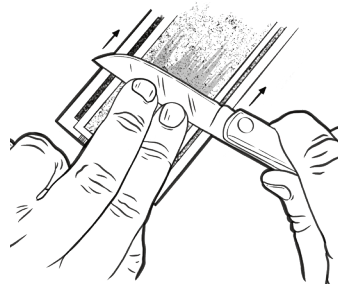
KNIFE CARE + MAINTENANCE

A well-cared-for knife can last a lifetime. Here are some important tool care tips:

- × Inspect your knife after each use for signs of chipping, rust or other damage.
- × Sharpen your knife regularly to maintain a safe edge.
- × If your knife gets wet, dry it completely before putting it away.
- × Thoroughly clean your knife every few months. Use cotton swabs and a soft cloth to lightly coat your knife in oil and lubricate the hinges.
- × Never attempt to take your knife apart — doing so will result in an unsafe knife that may not be warrantied by the manufacturer.

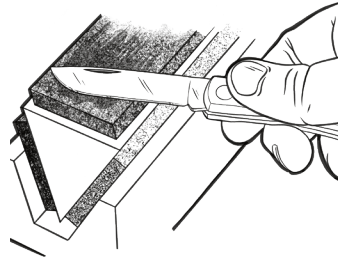
KNIFE BLADE SHARPENING

Keeping your blade sharp is simple. Here, we'll discuss using a sharpening stone, but there are other sharpening systems available to learn about. If you sharpen your knife regularly, only a few strokes will be needed to keep it sharp.



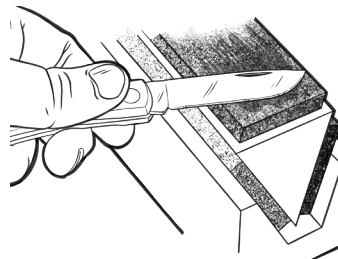
STEP ONE:

Hold the blade at the angle suggested by the manufacturer. Maintain that angle while sharpening.



STEP TWO:

Push the knife edge away from you, like trying to cut a thin slice from the stone.



STEP THREE:

Flip the knife around to the other side of the edge and repeat.

There are many methods and discussions around knife sharpening. Learn from those with experience and find a method that feels comfortable and consistent. No need to overcomplicate. Just remember a sharp knife is a safe knife.

ALWAYS SHARPEN YOUR KNIFE AWAY FROM YOUR BODY.



For more information on getting started with your first knife, please visit:

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