

PKnife Safety

- P** A pocketknife should never be thrown at anything. Never try to throw it and make it stick into the dirt, a tree, or any other object.
- K** A knife should always be closed and put away when not in use. Always close a pocketknife with the palm of your hand, never by pushing the blade against another object like your leg.
- N** A knife should never be used to dig in the dirt. Dirt and moisture will dull and/or rust the blade.
- I** Never cut the bark from a live tree. It could kill or seriously injure the tree. Never carve on something that doesn't belong to you.
- F** Know where to get first aid in case of an injury. Keep Band-Aids and first aid ointment or cream nearby when using your pocketknife.
- E** Every time you use a pocketknife, get permission from a parent first. Make sure there is an adult nearby to help you in case of an injury.
- S** Keep the blade as sharp as possible. A dull knife might not cut into the work properly or slip, resulting in cutting yourself or something else.
- A** Always walk when carrying an open knife or a pair of scissors. Carry it with the blade pointed away from you.
- F** If your knife falls out of your hand, don't try to catch it. Step back and then pick it up after it comes to rest.
- E** Each tool has its purpose and must be used properly. A knife should never be used instead of a screwdriver or other tool.
- T** A knife is not a toy, but a useful tool. If not used properly, it can injure someone.
- Y** Always cut by pushing the blade away from you.