



USING KNIVES AND PEELERS

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KEY BENEFITS

Blade Safety

Develops blade safety, grip technique, and focused attention.

Confidence

Promotes confidence through real-life skill mastery under supervision.

Motor Control

Improves muscle control and hand coordination for slicing and peeling.

Responsibility

Fosters responsibility for safety and respect for tools.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Cuts and Lacerations**

- ✓ Teach correct grip technique
- ✓ Sharp blades (safer than dull)
- ✓ Cut away from body
- ✓ 1:1 or 1:2 supervision ratio

Blade Slippage

- ✓ Stable working position
- ✓ Appropriate wood selected
- ✓ Dry hands and materials
- ✓ Work at correct height

Poor Tool Storage

- ✓ Locked storage box
- ✓ Sheaths on all blades
- ✓ Tool count in and out
- ✓ Regular maintenance

Passing Tools Unsafely

- ✓ Teach "elbow, present, thank you"
- ✓ No running with tools
- ✓ Walk with blade down
- ✓ Designated tool zone



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