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Reference: Incident Prevention

Struck By | Sharp Tool | Personal Knife Use

Two similar incidents occurred recently:

The employee was asked to put down rock salt on steps. The employee opened the bag of ice melt, and stabbed the blade into the employee's leg.

Root Cause: Body positioning and selection of proper safety tool.

Safety Moment: These employees had been provided a safety cutter that would have prevented these injuries. Supervisors must set clear expectations for using the right tool that has been evaluated to be safe for the assigned task.

If you are going to use a knife, know the basics:

- Make sure the area around you is clear, creating a knife safety circle
- Grasp the knife handle with your whole hand (make sure your hand is dry)
- Cut away from your body