

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Safety & Occupational Health Office**

Lessons Learned

ACCIDENT: Wrist Puncture

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WHAT HAPPENED: While using an x-acto razor knife to remove metal nameplates from picture frame the knife slipped puncturing her left wrist.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- Use of wrong tool for the job

RESULTS: punctured left wrist

LESSONS LEARNED:

Reference- EM 385-1-1, USACE SAFETY & HEALTH Requirements Manual

- **Ensure the proper tools are provided and used for special work.**

05.A.01 Responsibilities.

a. Based on hazard assessments, employers shall select, and have each affected employee use, personal protective equipment (PPE) that will protect the employee from hazards.

b. Employers shall communicate PPE decisions to each affected employee and select PPE that properly fits each affected employee.

05.A.02 Employees shall be physically able and medically determined qualified to use the personal protective and safety equipment that may be required in their job duties.

05.A.10 Persons involved in activities which subject the hands to injury (e.g., cuts, abrasions, punctures, burns, chemical irritants, toxins, vibration, and forces which can restrict blood flow) shall use hand protection appropriate for the hazard.

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