

# KNOW HOW TO HANDLE A KNIFE

A knife is a very useful thing for you to carry with you. When your parents feel you are responsible enough, you may well be allowed to carry one. They can be used for everyday things like opening packages and letters, opening food packaging, and outdoors things like cutting rope or whittling sticks or maybe cutting an apple for a snack on the trail.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

- With your parent's oversight, use a pocket knife to slice an apple for a snack.
- Use a knife to whittle the bark from a stick, remove any twigs and carve a point in the end to make a crude spear or arrow.

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To carry a knife, you need to know how to handle it. Because, of course, it can be dangerous if you are not responsible.

1. Knives are tools, not toys. When not in use keep folding knives folded and fixed blade knives safely in their sheath.
2. Always keep a firm grip on the knife, if it slips it could easily cut you. And when using it, always cut away from yourself with your hands well away from the cutting edge of the knife, in case you slip. I would say plan on slipping and expect it to happen, and position your hands accordingly.
3. Be aware of people around you when you are using a knife. Make sure there is no way anyone could get injured by your knife, especially people who don't know you are using one.
4. If ever you drop a knife, don't try to catch it. Step well out of the way.
5. Never use a knife for something it was not intended. A knife breaks when you use it to pry open a can or use the tip as a screw driver. And it is dangerous.
6. Always pass a knife with a closed blade or a sheathed blade.
7. Keep your knife clean and sharp. Have an adult teach you how to do this.

