



Sharp Things

Ouch! Have you ever cut yourself on broken glass or pricked your finger on a needle? It hurts, doesn't it! Most small cuts heal but some wounds from sharp objects can be extremely serious or even deadly if you can't stop the bleeding.

Every home has lots of different sharp and pointed objects, as well as heavy tools and machinery. They are needed for cutting, sewing, hammering, digging and doing all sorts of day-to-day tasks. But they need to be used carefully and stored away when they're no longer needed. When you pass a sharp object to another person, turn the pointy end away from them.

Possible danger	How to prevent it
Pins and needles	Make sure they're kept in a pin cushion or sewing kit and aren't left lying around.
Broken glass	Stay away and let an adult know so it can be cleaned up.
Scissors and knives	Keep them stored safely away and be very careful if you're allowed to use them.
Gardening and building tools (e.g. saws, clippers, lawn mowers, chisels)	Stay away and let an adult know if you see them left lying around. Sheds and garages aren't for playing in!
Stationery (e.g. compasses, scissors, sharpeners, pencil tips)	Be careful when using them and keep them stored safely away.
Sharp edges (e.g. on tin can lids or paper)	Handle and store these carefully. Look before putting your hand into drawers or cupboards.
Sharp plants (e.g. cacti, roses)	Be careful of thorns and spikes if you're handling them.

If you do cut yourself, try to stay calm and tell an adult. They will help you put on a plaster or bandage to stop the bleeding and decide whether or not you need to see a doctor.