

## Utility Knife / Box Cutter

### Identify:

Blade, Handle, Blade Button

### Accompanying Tools:

Cutting mat, gloves, goggles, clamps

### Safety:

- Always use a sharp blade. A dull blade requires more pressure and gives less control, leading to slipping.
- Cut *sideways* or *away* from your body and any person around you.
- Close the retractable blade any time you put the knife down.
- Do not use blade to pry things loose, chisel, scrape or whittle
- Consult lead facilitator before using this tool for a different task/material

### Operation:

- Lay out material on flat surface, on top of additional layer of cardboard or cutting mat.
- Draw a line where you plan to cut.
- If cutting into a formed box or other hollow material, ensure that there aren't people or hands on the other side of the material.
- For hollow materials, press knife into material and use small sawing motions to make cut. For flat materials, press blade along marked line and cut sideways or away from your body

