

# TYPES OF CUTS

**Rough Cut** – The most basic cut. Push away from you carving off a thin piece of material.



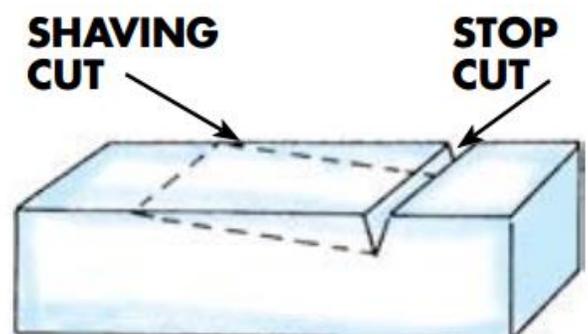
**Push Cut** – With your other thumb on the back of the blade, push away from you, taking very small pieces of wood.



**Stop Cut** – This is a score line that you can cut back to, or make a clear line or feature. Press down and rock your knife back and forth.



**Shaving Cut** – A cut that ends at a stop cut.



# SAFETY RULES FOR HANDLING A KNIFE

- **A knife is a tool, NOT a toy.**
- Know how to sharpen a knife. A sharp knife is safer because it is less likely to slip and cut you.
- Keep the blade clean.
- Keep your knife dry.
- Never carry an open pocketknife.
- When you are not using your pocketknife, close it and put it away.
- When you are using the cutting blade, do not try to make big shavings or chips. Easy does it.
- **Make a safety circle:** Before you pick up your knife to use it, stretch your arm out and turn in a circle. If you can't touch anyone else, it is safe to use your knife.
- **Never bring a knife to a non-scout event.**
- Never engage in horseplay around knives.
- Never use a knife to pry something open.
- Never pass a knife across other people.
- Never carve in your lap or near your face.
- Never hammer the top of a knife to make a cut.

## Knives Are Not Toys Guidelines

- Close the blade with the palm of your hand.
- Never use a knife on something that will dull or break it.
- Be careful that you do not cut yourself or any person nearby.
- Never use a knife to strip the bark from a tree.
- Do not carve your initials into anything that does not belong to you.

# Pocketknife Pledge

In return for the privilege of carrying a pocketknife to designated Cub Scout functions, I agree to the following:

**I will treat my pocketknife with the respect due a useful tool.**

**I will always close my pocketknife and put it away when not in use.**

**I will not use my pocketknife when it might injure someone near me.**

**I promise never to throw my pocketknife for any reason.**

**I will use my pocketknife in a safe manner at all times.**

