Lessons Learned: Cut Thumb Through Cut-Glove

A Dining employee was cutting peppers with a Chef’s knife, while wearing cut-resistant gloves (Tucker Kut Glove). While cutting the peppers, his knife made contact with his thumb. The force of his cutting motion was strong enough to penetrate through the cut-resistant glove. The employee severely cut his left thumb, resulting in medical treatment. If the cut-glove would not have been worn, the severity of the injury would have been far worse. Cut-resistant gloves are not necessarily going to stop a knife from penetrating, but they will greatly reduce the impact; the glove worked as designed.

Factors contributing to the incident:

- Employee was cutting with his fingers exposed to the knife blade.
- Employee was cutting at a fast pace, with forceful cutting strokes.
- Employee was pulling the knife towards himself; should have been cutting away from himself.

Knife Safety Reminders:

- When using a knife, make sure all fingers are out of the way.
- When cutting vegetables, cut away from your body.
- Use the correct knife for the job.
- Always wear your cut-resistant gloves, they will prevent or minimize the injury.