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Enabling knife businesses to keep working

Greetings!

States and localities are making critical decisions to protect individuals in their area to respond to the spread of COVID-19. The American Knife & Tool Institute is urging these governing bodies to enable the continued operations of the import and manufacture of knives and the supply chains they depend on.

While the federal agency for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security has published "[Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#)," this is only an **advisory list and not a federal directive or standard**. The need for knives and tools could fall into several of the suggested listed essential critical infrastructure workforce categories.

For the knife community, AKTI is providing [business resources for dealing with the impact of the coronavirus on your business](#) on our website.

For government officials dealing with decisions, AKTI will provide information and letters of support for the importance of the knife and tool industry to public safety, law enforcement, military, and keeping infrastructure operational, as well as in communications, agriculture and other areas necessary to institutions and individuals.

Stay healthy everyone!

[Position of the American Knife and Tool Institute on the Knife and Tool Industry as an Essential and Critical Infrastructure Workforce during COVID-19 Response](#)

[States and Localities Urged to Consider Knife & Tool Industry Essential and Critical](#)

Ensuring that Americans will always be able to make, buy, sell, own, carry and use the knives and edged tools of their choice.

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