

This list of safety warnings has been prepared based on the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/988 on General Product Safety (GPSR).

The aim is to protect users from potential hazards resulting from improper use. The warnings are written in a simple and understandable manner to be accessible to a wide audience, including older individuals and people with limited mobility.

Scope:

These warnings apply to wooden magnetic knife holders – both freestanding and wall-mounted.

Important notice before first use:

Before the first use, the product should be washed with warm water and mild detergent, then thoroughly dried. This helps to remove any post-production residues such as dust, small wood particles, or deposits from transport and packaging.

Natural properties of wood – grain raising:

For products made from oak or American walnut wood, slight *grain raising* may occur after the first contact with water – the surface may temporarily feel rough. This is a natural reaction of wood to moisture.

In such cases:

1. Allow the product to dry completely.
2. Then gently rub the surface with the rough side of a sponge or fine steel wool until smooth.
3. If necessary, protect the surface with a food-safe oil after the treatment.

Usage warnings:

- The product contains a strong magnet – handle with care when attaching or removing knives. Improper use may cause injury or damage to work surfaces.
- **Risk of cuts:** Knives should always be placed carefully with the sharp edge facing the holder. Improper handling may result in injury.
- **Risk of damaging countertops or flooring:** If a knife is not placed properly, it may slip or bounce off the surface, potentially causing damage to countertops, floors, or other kitchen elements.
- Always check the stability of freestanding knife holders before use – the surface should be flat and dry. Do not use freestanding holders near countertop edges.
- Wall-mounted magnetic strips must be installed according to the instructions and only on stable, load-bearing surfaces. Improper installation may cause the strip and knives to fall, posing a safety hazard.

Additional care recommendations for wooden products:

- Do not wash in a dishwasher. High temperatures and moisture can cause the wood to crack or warp.
- Do not soak the product in water for extended periods. Prolonged contact with water can damage the wood's structure and shorten its lifespan.
- After washing, dry immediately and allow to air dry in an upright position. This helps prevent warping and mold growth.
- Avoid direct contact with heat and sunlight. Prolonged exposure may cause fading or cracking of the wood.
- Do not use damaged or cracked products. Cracks may harbor bacteria and increase the risk of cuts.
- Maintain the wooden surface regularly. Use paraffin oil or hard wax suitable for food contact.