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Safety should always be a priority. The keys to proper safety are knowing what be aware of and instilling good habits until they become second nature.

<u>Retract Blade After Every Cut</u> – One of the most important habits to cultivate is retracting the blade after making a cut. Continuing to work with the blade out after cutting significantly increases the chances of causing bodily harm or damaging the vehicle.

<u>Burns From Heat Guns</u> – The tip of a heat gun gets very hot. It's important to make a good habit of keeping the tip away from the body and clothes. When sitting the heat gun down on the floor, be sure to sit it securely on the ground to prevent it from falling over.

<u>Backing Paper</u> – One side of the backing paper has a wax-like surface. This protects the adhesive side of the film but it can act like a sheet of ice when stepped on. Either place all backing paper immediately in the trash or stack it up in a low-traffic area, like underneath the vehicle.

<u>Cleaning Agents</u> – Always wear rubber gloves when using industrial grade cleaners and make sure that the workspace is well ventilated.

<u>Gas Tanks</u> – It is necessary to use heat to conform the film to the gas tank area. Before applying any heat to this area, open up the lid to make sure that the gas tank is securely in place. Make sure the area is dry. Without question, using a heat gun instead of a propane torch is the safest and most effective mean of heating this area. If a propane torch is the only option, use indirect heat to soften the film.

<u>Put Used Blades in a Safety Box</u> – Used blade tips on the ground can easily cut fingers when

picking up the trash or end up in the soles of shoes. Instead of clicking the used blade tips onto the floor, place them in a safety box. When the safety box is full, place the used tips in a secure container for safe disposal.

