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Safety First

This safety statement is a *guide* to safe working; not complete instructions.

Eye and ear protection.

- ✓ Always wear eye protection when working. Proper protection means impact resistant lenses and side guards.
- ✓ Always wear ear protection when working.

Clothing safety.

- ✓ Wear leather shoes. Protect ankles by either high top shoes or extra long pants.
- ✓ Wear only natural fiber clothing.
- ✓ Aprons, while optional, gives protection from flying or hot objects.

Personal protection devices.

- ✓ Use a respirator when grinding.
- ✓ Use a respirator when using chemicals.
- ✓ Use proper safety gear and proper hood or goggle shade when welding.

First aid.

- ✓ Take breaks on a regular basis.
- ✓ Maintain an adequate first aid kit.

Shop safety.

- ✓ No horse play or use of intoxicants.
- ✓ Be aware of the direction of flying scale and hot cutting slag.
- ✓ Do not collect clutter for people to trip over.
- ✓ Securely fasten gas cylinders in a standing position.
- ✓ Maintain proper ventilation for gas and coal forges.
- ✓ Read and understand the manuals for your equipment.

Fire safety.

- ✓ Maintain easily available fire extinguishers. Have them certified at proper intervals.
- ✓ Stove pipe and chimney connections must conform to code.
- ✓ Store combustible materials in a metal cabinet away from forging and welding areas.
- ✓ Make sure your forge fires are extinguished and equipment turned off when leaving the shop.

Always think safety.

- ✓ If it looks unsafe, it probably is. Don't do it.