

# Ax, Pick, and Sledge Hammer Safety



1. Never use an ax as a maul or sledge.
2. When carrying an ax, carry it at your side with blade pointing down.
3. Be sure to provide a clear area and adequate space to swing before using an ax, pick, or sledge.
4. Cutting edges of axes and other edged cutting tools shall be kept sharp.
5. Handles of axes, picks, and sledges shall be kept smooth and the head must be securely attached.
6. A cracked handle shall be replaced promptly, not repaired or covered with tape.
7. Axes will be equipped with proper guards and securely fastened if carried in the part of a truck where any workers are riding.