

Foundational Skills Series

Ax Use Safety Checklist



Safe use of woods tools can make camping trips and outings more comfortable and enjoyable. The following checklist will help you to always keep safety in mind when using an ax.

Safe Tool

- head not loose
- blade sharp
- handle not cracked or damaged
- sheathed/covered when not in use

Safe Shoes, Eye Protection, Gloves

- leather shoes or boots
- safety glasses
- good fitting work gloves

Safe Work Area

- minimum 10 foot safety sphere to include overhead clearance

Safe Technique

- limbing technique
- bucking technique
- splitting technique

Safe Carry & Transport

- sheathed with bit down and facing away from body

Safe Handling & Hand Off

- sheathed with bit down and facing away from both bodies