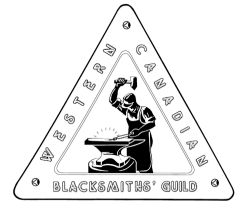


Safety Rules

For the safety of yourself, fellow smiths, and observers.



1. Never forge coated or painted steel (zinc, galvanized, etc.)—toxic fumes can kill.
2. Always wear PPE: safety glasses, closed-toe shoes (steel toe preferred), natural-fiber clothing, hearing protection.
3. Assume all steel is hot—hover before touching.
4. Inform others before forge welding or moving hot metal.
5. Carry hot steel with tongs pointed down toward the floor.
6. Cool hot cut-offs under the forge before disposal.
7. Remove steel from vices after cutting.
8. Be aware of spark direction when grinding.
9. Do not strike the anvil face directly (use the provided cut plates).
10. Stay clear of another smith's space between forge and anvil.
11. We recommend you wear a respirator or dust mask when grinding or near fumes.

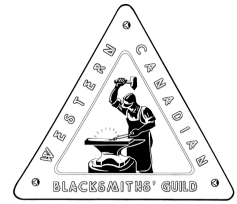
Shop Etiquette

To keep the shop organized, tools in good condition, and workspaces ready for everyone.

1. Return all tools to their designated places after use.
2. Do not cut directly on anvils—always use a cut plate.
3. Keep work surfaces free of clutter.
4. Label personal tools and belongings.
5. New or donated tools and material must be assigned a permanent place by the shop director/board.

Closing Checklist

Before leaving, ensure the shop is clean, secure, and ready for the next smith.



Tools

- ☐ Put all tools away:
 - ☐ Hammers → hammer rack
 - ☐ Files/rasps → file box
 - ☐ Pegboard tools → wall
 - ☐ Chisels/punches → bucket area
 - ☐ Tongs → wall rack (not forge racks)

Forges & Stations

- ☐ Each forge station must have: scoop, poker, wire brush, dipper, slack pail, coal pail, cut plate, hot cut hardy, ashpan.
- ☐ Break apart coal hearths; allow them to cool fully.
- ☐ Empty slack pails and wet coal (Oct–Mar).
- ☐ Turn off propane tanks, move them outside.

Shop & Building

- ☐ Turn off lights and extraction fans.
- ☐ Close and lock all four doors, windows, and viewing doors.
- ☐ Shut off park water hoses at the spigot (if used).
- ☐ Latch bathroom doors, turn off lights.
- ☐ Clear picnic tables/pails from grass in front of the building.
- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of the shop.
- ☐ Return key to lock box.