

AXES

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLIFF'S

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Axe Safety and Care

- **DO NOT** stand erect when you split wood. It could result in severe injury if you miss your target. Bend the knees slightly to make sure the axe hits the ground if you should accidentally slip.
- **DO NOT** use the axe on the side of the trunk where you are standing, as it is easy to slip and hurt yourself. Make sure the trunk is between you and the branches you intend to remove. The easiest way to cut the branches is to cut from the root towards the top.
- **DO NOT** try to force splitting wedges into the wood with a normal axe. This could deform the eye and cause a loose handle or a broken head. You should use a maul or sledge, which are both designed for use with splitting wedges.
- **DO NOT** twist the axe from side to side if it gets stuck, as this could break or loosen the handle. Instead, work the axe loose by using an up/down motion.
- **DO NOT** store the axe in a dry place. Under very dry conditions, the handle could shrink and may no longer fit perfectly into the eye. Outside storage is recommended.