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To: Customers of the Swedish Axes
From: Garrett Wade Customer Service

Thank you for having the confidence in Garrett Wade to have selected one of our fine Swedish hand-forged axes. We are very proud of them and we trust you will be, as well.

Like all sharp cutting tools, axes are inherently dangerous when used improperly and without regard to safety matters. We ask that you read and understand the Safety Guidelines listed below, and that you make sure that anyone that is going to use your fine axe reads and understands these points, too.

Safety Guidelines

- Always wear eye protection.
- NEVER strike another object, such as another axe or a splitting wedge, with your axe. All our axes have hardened polls (the end of the head opposite the cutting edge) but they are not designed to strike other metal surfaces. Therefore you run the risk of a chip or fracture in the forging with such misuse. (This warning is most important with respect to the Splitting Axes, where there is frequently a temptation to use the axe as a “hammer” or sledge).
- If your axe or splitting wedge shows any signs of being deformed, cracked or fractured, cease using it immediately and discard it.
- A general rule is that a sharp tool is a safe tool. Keep a sharp blade. Most accidents occur when the tool is dull and excess force is applied in use. A keen edge will cut cleanly and will let gravity do the work.
- Keep the blade cover on when not in use. This will protect the user as well as the blade.
- Store safely away from children when not in use.

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For further assistance, call the Garrett Wade Technical Department at 800 221 2942, or email us at mail@garrettwade.com