



Garrett Wade

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To: Customers of the Bavarian Limbing & Felling Axe
From: Garrett Wade Customer Service

Thank you for ordering the Bavarian Axe. We hope you find the axe as beautiful and unique as we do.

Because wood swells and shrinks in different weather conditions, an axe head will from time to time become loose.

On some axes a steel wedge (either flat or circular) is driven into the wedge of the handle tenon, some do not have the steel wedge but rather just a wooden wedge. If your axe head becomes loose with use, or even if it arrives loose, simply drive the steel wedge if present or the wood wedge deeper into the handle tenon to improve the fit. Use a hammer or mallet with a punch or large nail set.

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.
- If your axe 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.
- 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