

# **Blacksmith Safety**

Excerpts from current CBA Safety and Conference Guidelines for the good of the order

## **Impact-Type Safety Glasses or Goggles**

Eye protection will be worn anytime a CBA member or guest is smithing, watching or demonstrating. This is a mandatory requirement.

ANSI approved impact-type safety glasses or goggles shall be worn to ensure greater eye protection from flying particles. The glasses shall meet the requirements of ANSI Z 87.140 with side shields.

## **Approved Hearing Protection**

It is strongly recommended that all CBA members and guests use hearing protection whenever work at the anvil is in progress.

The ring of the anvil is usually greater than 85db and requires the use of hearing protection.

## **Standard Work Clothes**

Clothing that is in a good state of repair should be worn. Active participants in CBA sponsored events must wear clothing that covers the tops of their footwear.

Open toe and synthetic material shoes will not be worn in the forging areas.

***Spectators choosing to wear clothing that exposes the body do so at their own risk.***

Heavy duty, high topped leather shoes are important. Closed hi-top shoes constructed of canvas will be allowed in the forging area. Spectators are advised to do likewise.

Many athletic type shoes are made of synthetic materials that can melt onto your skin when exposed to heat, flame, or sparks. Sparks or hot slugs can find their way into these shoes and therefore will not be worn in the forging area.

## **Alcohol/ Drugs**

CBA members, CBA Instructors, and Demonstrators shall not consume alcoholic beverages when:

Forging

Demonstrating

Instructing

Be aware that some prescription and over the counter medications can cause drowsiness.

CBA will not tolerate the use of illegal drugs at any CBA sponsored event. Use of illegal drugs will be grounds for expulsion from the CBA event. CBA has a zero tolerance policy.