



Safety Information

You are about to create sculpture using a variety of tools, most of which are run by air or electricity. Please be aware that every tool you use, be it a hammer and chisel or a grinder, any tool that we provide or you bring to Marble/marble, can be dangerous if used incorrectly. If you're not sure how to use a tool, please ask for help.

To begin, attendance of our Opening Day Safety Workshop on safety and the proper use of tools **is mandatory** for all first-time participants. It's recommended for all returning carvers as a refresher course. It takes place immediately after the Opening Meeting.

SAFETY GEAR

Most importantly, please wear proper safety gear including eye protection, dust mask, headphones and/or earplugs). Gloves are not mandatory, but highly recommended. Eye protection, dust masks and earplugs are available for purchase, at our cost, from the tool shed. (Earplugs are free.)

RULE NUMBER ONE!

Do not operate any tools under the influence! Your tools should be packed away for the next day's use before you pop open a cold beer or consume any alcohol. Marijuana is legal in Colorado but please don't use it while operating power tools of any kind, for your safety and ours.

TOOLS

Please be certain that you understand how to attach accessories to grinders as they can spin off and become dangerous projectiles if not attached properly.

Air tools: In-line air hammers and pneumatic grinders/polishers attach to air lines that we provide. The air lines are attached to a manifold that our staff will monitor for leakage or water retention. If your tool is not working properly, consult one of our staff to correct your problem. Oil the air tools every time you use them. If uncertain of where the oil goes, please see toolshed staff and they will help you.

Electric tools: Be sure that you use at least a 10 or 12 gauge extension cord. Our electricity is ground fault protected (GFI), but be smart about working during a thunderstorm or even just a rain shower. Check that your tool is not plugged in at a puddle. Again, be sure your blades are attached correctly and securely.

Like air tools, be sure that you have a full understanding of how the tool operates, and how to use it. **Always use the guard** which is supplied with the 7" and 9" grinders. Do not use these tools if you are afraid of them, and be absolutely certain not to use these tools if you are weak or tired. **NEVER** attach a handle to the back of a grinder. Only attach it on the sides and use the blade vertically.

GENERAL

Ground awareness: Make sure that you pay attention to the ground. There are many hoses and extension cords on the ground along with rocks, chips, boards, etc. so be aware when you are working in your site, walking through the symposium grounds and the land in general.

Fire: Campfires or cookstoves are NOT allowed at the Symposium. No open flames.

Smoking: Marble/marble is a non-smoking campus.

Dogs: We love dogs but they are NOT allowed on Symposium grounds for the safety of all, especially the dogs.

HAVE FUN! BE CREATIVE!

Never be afraid to ask for help.

We are glad you're here!

Madeline and the M/m Staff