* Always maintain control of your knife, cutting should be away from you as much as possible and if pulling toward you the hold hand should be out of the path of a slipped knife cut or under the hoof when possible.
* Discard removed shoes in a place where the remaining portions of nails cannot cut you or cause a tripping hazard
* Keep your tools in good condition, sharp and stored after every use in caddy or chap pouch.
* If dogs are in the area toss cutting out of harms way to avoid dog entering your workspace to retrieve these possible spooking the horse or getting underfoot
* Shape the shoe away from the horse but ensure a clean and clear pathway back to the horse.
* Check the shoe for “burrs” or flaws that may cut you while handling them. File off any you find.
* Avoid focusing on the shoe as you walk toward the horse.
* Set the shoe confirm your fit and drive holding nails.
* Keep sufficient nails handy to ensure you do not have to put the foot down after starting the shoe.
* “Ring off” the holding nails to avoid cuts if the horse pulls back while you are holding the hoof.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

* Gloves, for use when appropriate and able
* Appropriate footwear
* Farrier chaps or chinks
* Safety glasses

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