STONE SLEDGES AND SPALLING HAMMERS

These are stone masons' tools and are made in slightly varying configurations by different manufacturers. The sledge usually has a crowned, oval striking face with a napping face opposite. The spalling hammer may have a beveled or straight edged face.

Proper Uses. Stone sledges are designed for breaking up stone and concrete. The spalling hammers are designed for cutting and shaping stone and concrete.

Abuse/Misuse. Never use these tools for striking metal. Never use a tool with loose or damaged handle.

When to Replace. Discard any sledge if it shows dents, cracks, chips, mushrooming or excessive wear. If handle only is damaged, replace it with an equivalent new handle.