Safety First

This safety statement is a guide to safe working; not complete instructions.

Eye and ear protection.
✓ Always wear eye protection when working. Proper protection means impact resistant lenses and side guards.
✓ Always wear ear protection when working.

Clothing safety.
✓ Wear leather shoes. Protect ankles by either high top shoes or extra long pants.
✓ Wear only natural fiber clothing.
✓ Aprons, while optional, gives protection from flying or hot objects.

Personal protection devises.
✓ Use a respirator when grinding.
✓ Use a respirator when using chemicals.
✓ Use proper safety gear and proper hood or goggle shade when welding.

First aid.
✓ Take breaks on a regular basis.
✓ Maintain an adequate first aid kit.

Shop safety.
✓ No horse play or use of intoxicants.
✓ Be aware of the direction of flying scale and hot cutting slag.
✓ Do not collect clutter for people to trip over.
✓ Securely fasten gas cylinders in a standing position.
✓ Maintain proper ventilation for gas and coal forges.
✓ Read and understand the manuals for your equipment.

Fire safety.
✓ Maintain easily available fire extinguishers. Have them certified at proper intervals.
✓ Stove pipe and chimney connections must conform to code.
✓ Store combustible materials in a metal cabinet away from forging and welding areas.
✓ Make sure your forge fires are extinguished and equipment turned off when leaving the shop.

Always think safety.
✓ If it looks unsafe, it probably is. Don’t do it.