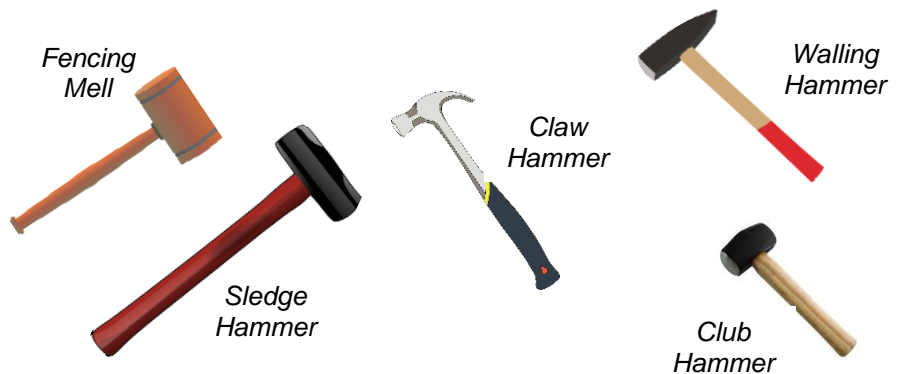


### What?

- A claw hammer is primarily used for driving nails into, or pulling nails from an object.
- Club or lump hammers are used for hitting cold chisels to break masonry or simply to break things up.
- A walling hammer is used in dry stone walling for dressing stones.
- Sledge hammers are heavy with a long handle, used for breaking up rocks and concrete.
- A fencing mell is made of cast steel and is used for driving wooden posts into the ground.

### Why?

- It is important to cleanly hit the object you intended to and that any fragments from where the strike is made are contained safely, or protected against.



### Do ✓

- ✓ Always wear protective goggles when using hammers
- ✓ Be very vigilant of other people when using mells and sledge hammers
- ✓ Use a stob twister to hold a post in place rather than getting someone to hold it
- ✓ Always use the head of the hammer to strike with, not the side
- ✓ Always use the right hammer for the job you are undertaking; It makes the task easier and will help to avoid possible damage to the hammer, yourself and the project that you are working on

### Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't leave hammers on walls or lying around
- ✗ Don't overstrain your back when bringing the sledge hammer or mell down; ensure the tool does all the work
- ✗ Don't use a claw hammer to remove very large nails from wood – use a wrecking bar (or 'jemmy') instead
- ✗ Don't use a fencing mell for hitting metal or stone as the head will break into pieces; only use it on wood
- ✗ Don't use gloves



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