

# The Villages Gem & Mineral Society

## WORKSHOP AND GENERAL SAFETY STANDARDS

### INTRODUCTION

Due to liability issues and recreation center policy, only home owners and renters of The Villages can become members of The Villages Gem and Mineral Society (TVGMS). Only members are to operate TVGMS equipment. Visitors, family friends, or anyone under the age of 50, as required by the District policies, are not allowed to operate any equipment or participate in workshops. **No children are allowed to operate any equipment at any time. Children should be under adult supervision AT ALL TIMES while visiting. They are not permitted to wander around the work room or storage areas.**

Each member accepts the responsibility to properly care for all equipment if they choose to use it. While attending classes, open workshops, or special sessions, members agree to abide by TVGMS rules. Members agree to follow the directions of instructors, board members, and/or the safety officer. All members must notify a BOARD MEMBER or TRAINER (as soon as possible) of any maintenance problem or misuse of equipment. Members also accept the responsibility to follow TVGMS minimum safety standards listed below.

*If any emergency arises where 911 must be called – DO IT IMMEDIATELY! Do not wait for a consensus of the membership or board member approval. After placing the call, report the call to the recreation center employees so they can take appropriate actions required by TV management.*

### MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS

1. As part of our activities, pieces of wire trimmings, stone chips, and other objects could become a hazard. Therefore:
  - a. Everyone must wear eye protection (safety glasses, goggles, or a face shield) while operating equipment.
  - b. Comfortable closed-toe shoes should be worn. In addition to stone chips and wire pieces being thrown, glass fragments from other groups have been found on the floor.
  - c. Pick up all scrap pieces of wire/stones (located anywhere) and dispose of them properly in a waste container.
2. If you are in the workshop while equipment is being used:
  - a. It is recommended that ear protection is worn whenever operating machinery.
  - b. Long hair (including long beards) must be tied up or put in a ponytail.
  - c. Tuck jewelry (especially long chains) inside clothing. Remove rings and dangling bracelets.
  - d. Do not wear loose clothing such as ties or scarves.
  - e. It is suggested to wear an apron to protect your clothes.

