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## Roof Ventilation with Axe



Use the back side of the axe for cutting, it seems counterintuitive but the flat side of the axe provides better "chopping" of roof materials and is less likely to bind into the roof.

When gaining access to a roof, foot holds are key. Normally we can operate off a roof or aerial ladder, however if needed a halligan bar can provide a step. Simply drive the pick of the bar into the roof, set it with your foot and use it as a foot hold to maintain balance.



The blade does not provide a good cutting edge for roof ventilation, it has a tendency to bind and stick in the roof materials. If it does get stuck, place your foot under the axe shaft and use it as a fulcrum to release the axe.

