



# Cue Care and Maintenance

Now that you own your own cue, it is important to care for it properly, to ensure that you get many years of performance from it.

Your cue is made from wood, even if graphite or fiberglass clad, and should be guarded from extreme environmental conditions like heat and cold, dryness and humidity. Your cue should be kept clean, wipe it after you have finished playing every time. When not using your cue, put it into a protective case. Towne Billiards Club stocks both hard and soft cases.

When bringing your cue into the warmth of the pool room from the cold outside, screw it together, but don't tighten it. Warm up the areas around the butt and the shaft joints with your hands. Tighten the cue when it has reached room temperature. Avoid over tightening, as this may cause joint damage. If you have a quick release joint, be sure the shaft is seated completely before beginning to screw and tighten the joint.

**BIG DON'T:** Don't ever lean your cue; propping your cue against a wall or pool table may lead to warping, scratches, dents and/or breakage. If you must lean your cue, do so carefully and as vertically as feasible.

**BIG DO:** When racking, lay your cue next to you on the table. Pick up your cue only when you are finished racking and ready to walk away. This allows you to keep your cue in sight, and hopefully will insure that your opponent won't break prematurely in your face.

The care and shape of your tip is extremely important. There are many tools designed to allow you to maintain the tip yourself. The staff at Towne Billiards Club can advise you on the proper tool for your specific needs.

As careful as you are with your cue, you will get some nicks and scratches. Minor damage you should be able to correct yourself with guidance from our pro shop.

Only you will take care of your cue the way it deserves, DON'T lend it to anyone else. If you follow these guidelines, you should get many years of performance and pleasure from your cue.