

**Accidents are expensive!** The loss of key employees or equipment due to accidents will lead to cancelled or rescheduled jobs. This means possible lost revenue to your company. The biggest intangible benefit associated with good accident prevention practices is company morale. Good company morale leads to employees with increased confidence in their ability to do their jobs correctly.

To add safety to your operation—pass along these safety tips to your workers:

### **Sun Protection**

- Wear shirt and pants that are made of tightly woven fabric, such as cotton
- Do not wear jewelry on the job since it can get caught in moving parts
- Wear a hat with a visor for protection from the sun's heat or glare
- Apply SPF-15 sunscreen (or higher) to protect exposed skin

### **Head Protection**

- Wear a hard hat when working around low tree branches or falling objects
- Inspect your hard hat for cracks, dents, or torn suspension before you work
- Make sure there is a one-inch clearance between your head and the hardhat's inner shell so that the suspension system can properly absorb a blow

### **Eye Protection**

- Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from debris propelled by power equipment
- Make sure your glasses fit properly
- Inspect safety glasses for scratches and dirt, which cause glare and reduced vision
- Choose lenses that block damaging ultraviolet rays

**IMPORTANT:** Prescription glasses and contact lenses are not adequate protection

### **Air Purifying Masks**

- Wear particulate masks to prevent you from inhaling dust and pollen
- Wear half-mask respirators fitted with filters to prevent toxic fumes and vapors

### **Hearing Protection**

- Noise induced hearing loss is gradual and deceptive. You may not notice a hearing loss until permanent damage has already occurred
- To reduce noise levels when operating equipment, wear earplugs or earmuffs
- Proper use of earplugs is important. Read the directions on the packaging
- If wearing earmuffs, make sure that they seal tightly over your ear

### **Foot Protection**

Injuries can occur when workers slip on wet grass and steep inclines or when their feet slide under mower decks.

- Always wear high-top, lace up boots with traction soles and steel reinforced toes

### **Hand Protection**

Gloves are designed to protect hands from cuts, scrapes and chemical or thermal burns

- Wear the right gloves for the job you are performing
- When working on any powered equipment, remove your gloves to avoid getting your fingers pulled into blades or chains

This information may not address all hazardous conditions at your location and does not warrant workplace safety or compliance with federal, state or local laws.