

1. Welcome the group to our *Culture of Safety*. Ask them to report any injuries, even very minor injuries, as part of our learning and growing.

Our Key Safety Motto: See Something Unsafe – Say Something! STOP.

The work is important, but it is even more important everyone come home *safe and sound*.

2. **Personal Safety: Are you all well today? If that changes, see your Leader!**
 - a. PPE – shoes/boots, long pants & sleeves, helmets, gloves, eye protection, hearing protection, awareness of environmental hazards (wasps, slip/trip hazards, overhead hazards, any other site-specific pertinent factors.)
 - b. Environmental conditions including sun/wind, heat, smoke, lightning – have an escape plan.
 - c. Encourage volunteers to pace themselves for the work – no competition.
 - d. Adequate hydration – provide extra water at trailhead if needed. Recommend carrying 64 oz. water (or more) and inform volunteers that Leaders will call for water and rest breaks.
 - e. Asking anyone with a medical condition that could affect them during the work party to see the Leader to discuss privately.
 - f. No one is to leave the group on their own – talk to your Trail Leader if you need a break or feel tired/ill.
3. **Tool Safety & Management:**
 - a. Carrying tools on the downhill side, throwing/dropping them if carrier falls.
 - b. Not carrying tools on the shoulder/neck.
 - c. Choosing the best tool for the task, making sure it is functioning correctly (locknuts, blades etc.) and know how to use it. **Ask for instruction/mentoring.**
 - d. Limitations on use by size – a saw blade can only cut something about ½ its length. Small folding Silky handsaws are marked at 3 ½ inches which match the red section of handle – demonstrate this as the maximum dimension for cutting materials.
 - e. Clearing the work zone – ensure *minimum* 6-foot travel and work distances.
 - f. Tool placement on uphill side of trail with handle toward trail between use.
 - g. Marking tools for sharpening/repair with blue tape & black marker.
 - h. Make note of the tools you are leaving with and bring them all back to the trailer!
 - i. Passing others safely on trail – Alert them, ask permission, wait for acknowledgement.
4. **Sawyer Safety:**
 - a. Identify certified sawyers to the volunteer group and direct them to work under the direction of the sawyers. If sawyers have helmet stickers – show those markings to the group.
 - b. Explain that Blues Crew sawyers continuously do **OHLEC** during sawyer operations (**O**bjective, **H**azards, **L**eans/Binds, **E**scape Route(s), **C**utting Plan) and they should expect to be involved. *As we do it, we learn it!*
 - c. Discuss hidden hazards: Spring poles, pinned green branches, widow-makers, roll hazards.
 - d. Describe safely performing sawyer assistance by staying out of saw range and work zone.
 - e. Inform volunteers that sawyers have been empowered to:
 - Stop the Activity
 - Observe/Describe the Problem or Hazard
 - Capture the Teachable Moment (the ‘Why’ & ‘How’) and
 - Direct the Work