

# Pacific Crest Trail Association

## Tailgate Safety Session and Tool Checklist

**Overview:**

- Safety, fun, work
- Ensure all volunteers sign "Volunteer Sign-in Sheet," including packers
- Review project goals, specifications, length of hike and type of work
- Explain any project-specific hazards
- Do volunteers need parking passes?
- Do volunteers need Wilderness Permit? Who will complete form?

**Emergency Preparedness:**

- Review Emergency Action Plan (EAP), delegate roles
- Review radio/cell coverage with crew
- Review Trailhead Communications Plan (TCP)
- Identify who is carrying first aid kits, may be more than one person
- Medical conditions should know about? (e.g. epi-pens, heart meds, inhalers)
- Request updates to medical information (e.g. changes in medication)

**JHA:**

- Review all hazards and abatement actions
- Ensure all crew members sign appropriate JHAs, packers sign stock JHA

**PPE:**

- Hard hats, sturdy boots, gloves, long pants
- If appropriate: eye protection, ear protection, long sleeves, dust mask, chaps

**Tool & Safety Talk:**

- Explain correct use of each tool
- Carry tools on downhill side, sharp edges down, not over the shoulder
- Stay 10 feet from other volunteers with tools
- Ask permission to pass and get acknowledgement
- Announce "swinging", "rock", "cutting"
- Keep track of each other
- Explain best practices for safety around stock
- Discuss fuel geysers when applicable

**Saw Operations:**

- Explain saw team operations
- Explain hazards and cutting area control (review Go/No Go, OHLEC)
- Identify sawyer and swamper responsibilities

**Bathrooms:**

- Dig hole 6 inches deep at least 200 feet from water

**Questions?**

Tool	Qty at Trailhead Before Project	Qty at Worksite Before Hike Out	Qty at Trailhead After Project
Communication device			
First Aid Kit			
Hardhat			
Gloves			
Eye Protection			
Shovel			
Pulaski			
McLeod			
Lopper			
Bow Saw			
Adze Hoe			
Pick Mattock			
Rock Bar			
Hammer			
Canvas Bag			
Draw Knife			
Rigging			
Pruning Saw			
Crosscut Saw			
Saw Handles			
Chainsaw			
Wedges			
Axe, single bit			
Fuel, Oil, Lube			
Saw wrench			
Sheath/Bar cover			
Flagging			
Other			