

Pacific Crest Trail Association
Tailgate Safety Session and Tool Checklist
with COVID-19 Enhanced Safety Protocols

Overview:

- Safety is our highest priority. We all have to work together to manage the risk of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Shared attention to safety protocols will enable successful volunteer projects.
- Each of us has variable risk to the coronavirus. We must all consider our personal health history and risk factors. There are two CDC self-assessments to help with this; each volunteer should complete these before start of project.
- Review project goals, specifications, length of hike and type of work
- Explain any project-specific hazards
- Do volunteers need parking passes or permits?

Emergency Preparedness Including COVID Risk:

- Review current COVID reengagement level. Discuss mitigations including maintaining physical distance between volunteers and between trail users
- Review Emergency Action Plan (EAP), delegate roles
- Review Trailhead Communications Plan (TCP). Discuss communication tools and coverage.
- 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)
- Remind crew of the electronic paperwork on pcta.org/volunteer/2020-trail-maintenance-protocols/

JHA/Risk Assessment Worksheet:

- Review all hazards and abatement actions
- Crew members sign these via electronic paperwork.

PPE:

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

FAQs: (For example - bathroom options and water sources)

Tool	Qty at Trailhead Before Project	Qty at Worksite Before Hike Out	Qty at Trailhead After Project	Checked out for the season?
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				