

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 safety protocols. 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 e-paperwork including Covid Release and Sign-in Sheet

**JHA/Risk Assessment Worksheet:**

Review all hazards and abatement actions

Crew members sign these via e-paperwork.

**PPE:**

Hard hats, sturdy boots, gloves, long pants, eye protection, sanitizer

If appropriate: face mask, 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				