

## **NEMBA Trail Work Safety Talk – Safety is our #1 concern!**

1. Emergency Response Plan
  - a. Identify Crew Leaders
  - b. Who do you notify in case of emergency
  - c. What happens in the event of a serious emergency
  - d. Location of 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kits (take one to the work site)
2. Tool Safety
  - a. Tool user is responsible for the safety of the tool
  - b. Primary Circle of Danger – Reach of the tool
  - c. Secondary circle of danger – tool slips from operator's hand
  - d. Do not enter anybody's circle of danger
  - e. Lay tools along trail with handles facing trail
  - f. Carry tools in to work site safely
3. Lifting Safety
  - a. Lift with legs – not back
  - b. Don't lift something beyond capabilities – re-think plan
4. Eye Safety
  - a. Eye protection must be worn when striking rock or metal
  - b. Safety glasses must be available for any task requiring striking rock or metal or power tool operation
5. Power Tool Safety
  - a. Users of power tools must be approved by crew leader
  - b. Eye protection must be worn
  - c. No minors to ever operate power equipment
6. Chain Saw Safety
  - a. Chain saws may **only** be used by trained crew leaders
  - b. Safety equipment must be worn: chaps, helmet with face shield, eye protection, hearing protection, gloves
  - c. Volunteers must stand clear when in use
7. Medical Considerations
  - a. Any medical limitations/issues crew needs to be aware of? (ask people to approach privately – do not put them in position of disclosing to group)
  - b. Any allergies? Know what to do if attack happens
8. Dangers of the Work Site
  - a. Poison Ivy – very common
  - b. Dangerous Animals/Insects (bees, yellow jackets, snakes, leaches, etc.)
  - c. Sun/ Heat Stroke
9. Water
  - a. Take extra water to the work site
  - b. Have spare water at tool staging area/trailer

**Don't forget to give a good description of the work to be completed!**