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 1st 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!