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## Safe summer

At the beginning of every year, we here at Christensen's have a company safety training meeting. And most of us dread this 2-3 hour long process. It's long, boring, repetitive and... absolutely necessary! During the off season many of us don't think much about laying brick, weed whipping, planting trees and shrubs, or mowing lawns. So, now is a good time to go over all your safety procedures, check your safety equipment and learn about any new equipment or policies that might have changed over the past year.



Many things get overlooked in the hustle and bustle of spring and summer. It's very easy to forget about all the little things to help keep ourselves, our job site and our customers safe. Something as simple as a steel band from an open pallet of pavers to an unseen pothole in the grass can land anyone in the clinic or on the sidelines for the duration of the season.

Many companies have a meeting each morning to review the agenda for the day. If you are one of these companies, consider adding a

short review of the specifics of the job site and any possible hazards to be aware of. Does everyone know or have the phone numbers and means to call in case of an emergency? Is your first aid kit stocked, and everything in it un-expired? And don't forget to look at your work vehicles. Make sure they have all the appropriate DOT mandated equipment. You would be surprised, and then disgusted, at how much a missing fire extinguisher could wind up costing you. Make sure everyone knows how to properly secure a load on a truck or trailer, and have all the proper equipment to do so (our trees and wheelbarrows want to be safe too!).

At Christensen's, we offer a large selection of safety and protective equipment. Everything from our wide selection of ear plugs and ear muffs, to gloves, knee pads and safety glasses. Check out our

polarized selection of safety sunglasses by Edge. We have everything you may need to keep you safe, protected and productive. Don't be afraid to ask us questions about safety, or ways to help you and your crew be safer. As the saying goes, safety is no accident.



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