Nobody wants to see a fellow worker or an employee get hurt on the job. But let's face it: safety is given lip service more often than real action during the busy season (and during slack times, too).

As an employer, it's your responsibility to provide proper safety equipment and see that it's used all the time. Lawsuits come from the strangest places — injured workers, endangered passers-by, state or federal agencies, property owners and motorists on the highway. Any of them could be after your hide on an assortment of counts: personal injury, a record-keeping violation, an accident involving a landscaping trailer parked by the side of the road or a stone thrown by a mower.

Stack the deck in your own favor. Look for proper safety equipment and reward workers who get caught "doing something right." You don't have to reward them with a lot — free coffee and doughnuts the next day or lunch at the local dive would be sufficient recognition. Others on your crews will catch on fast after one or two "attaboys" are given.

Best of all, you'll have established a proven track record for emphasizing and rewarding safety — something that will go a long way toward reducing punitive damages should a disaster hit or a government inspector notice something else you've overlooked.

While you're at it, check the first aid kit in the pickup. Be sure the Band-Aids are new, look for a good antiseptic cream and check that other components are still sterile.

Circle #285

**AEARO CO.**
800/444-4774
www.aosafety.com
The full line of safety equipment from Aearo Co., Indianapolis, IN, includes eyeglass protectors which fit over prescription glasses, professional impact goggles and tinted or clear safety glasses. Check out the firm's high-visibility safety vests for workers near roadways. Company also offers hearing protection, either as industrial ear plugs or headset style with a band over the head.

**BLOUNT, INC.**
800/667-3409
www.oregonchain.com
Check out the line of vision protection from Blount, Inc.'s Oregon Cutting Systems Division, Portland, OR. Replaceable polycarbonate lenses in their safety glasses give impact protection whether using a chain saw or other equipment

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- Provide all of the proper safety equipment needed for the job.
- Reward workers for using safety gear, as well as sanctioning failure to use it.
- Have both female and male members of the crew wear protective clothing.
- Make sure your first aid kit is stocked with all of the essentials.
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which may throw chips or dirt.
Soft, flexible frame fits over per-
sonal glasses. Product is both ANSI
and OSHA compliant. Perforations
in the frame reduce lens fogging.
Circle #286

JOHN DEERE
800/537-8233
www.deere.com
Dress for success with safety ac-
cessories from John Deere's Com-
mmercial Division, Raleigh, NC. Full
line of footwear includes PVC or
latex boot covers and rubber slush
boots. For the body, check out the
basic Tyvic coveralls which provide
protection for Class II and IV pesti-
cides; PVC bib apron for Class
I-IV pesticides; and Saranex-coated
Tyvek-sleeved apron for full-body
protection; and rugged rain suits
made from 35-mil PVC over poly-
ester for full protection. Firm also
has several styles of goggles, in-
cluding indirect vented for splash
and spray to non-vented for anhy-
drous or other vapors. If trouble
hits, pull out the PMKT1540EA
decontamination kit.
Circle #287

ELVEX CORP.
800/888-6582
www.elvex.com
ProChaps chain saw chaps from
Elvex, Bethel, CT, have Prolar pro-
tective pads that are designed to
jam the chain saw when it con-
tacts the chaps. The chaps are
lightweight and flexible in order
to allow unobstructed movement.
With the ProGuard, a chain-saw
operator is protected three ways:
with an ANSI approved safety cap,
face protection and hearing pro-
tection in one integrated design.
Circle #289

FERRIS INDUSTRIES
800/933-6175
www.ferrisindustries.com
The new 4-pt. roll-over protec-
tion system (ROPS) for the Pro-
Cut Z from Ferris Industries,
Munnsville, NY, offers better
weight distribution and helps
spread out stress on the ma-
chine's main frame. Front
mounting also deflects branches
that might otherwise catch under
a rear-mount system.
Circle #291

C.C. FILSON CO.
800/624-0201
www.filson.com
The new Foul Weather Coat from
Filson's, Seattle, WA, will keep
workers dry and protected. Its
cloth is 100% tightly woven cot-
ton fabric saturated with paraffin wax to beat off wind and rain.
Full-body cotton lining adds pro-
tection and an optional virgin
wool removable zip-in liner forms
an inner layer. There are six snaps
with storm flap in the front and
adjustable cuffs. Comes with but-
tons to add optional hood and
make it snug in any weather.
Circle #292

FLA ORTHOPEDICS, INC.
800/327-4110
flaortho@worldnet.att.net
There are a lot of heavy bags and
buckets to be moved in a day's
work. Help the crew avoid back
problems with the DynaBack
braces from FLA Orthopedics,
Miami Lakes, FL. Universal size
model fits 24-46" waist. All units
come with elastic side pulls, Velcro
closure, and adjustable shoulder
straps. The rear Safe-T-Straps have
breakaway buckles to prevent the
strap from getting caught by dis-
connecting at 10 lbs. pressure.
Company also makes the Pro Se-
ries Back Ice Pack for days when
lifting was too much.
Circle #293
Full 13-in., 15-mil Nitrile gloves allow excellent dexterity yet provide good chemical resistance. They are great for safe handling of chemicals, solvents, acids or caustics. Nitrile resists abrasion, punctures and cuts, so these gloves are replaced less frequently. For use with pesticides whose labels refer to categories A, C, E or F. They come in a variety of sizes, from XS to XL, and are available from Gemplers, Belleville, WI. The company's full catalog contains over 10,000 items from gloves to coveralls for any kind of daily or specialized use.

Circle #294

The Pole Trailer Light Kit from General Machine, Trevose, PA is a D.O.T-approved system for improving visibility of trailers and other service vehicles. Kits sturdy aluminum weldment is finished with bright yellow polyester-powder coating. Comes in 24 or 46-in. models. "Swings on Turns" leg-end is included with larger model. Safety lights are installed with shock mounts to increase bulb life and make it easy to replace burned out bulbs. Also available are heavy duty 4-way and 6-way plugs suited to most trailers.

Circle #295

Whether the crew is working with a blower, using a hedge trimmer, spraying chemicals or tilling up a seedbed, equip them with safety goggles. Both clear and tinted goggles are available as part of the parts and accessories packages available from MTD Pro, Cleveland, OH. These goggles are comfortable and protect the eyes from flying objects or spray.

Circle #296

Value-priced line of safety cabinets constructed of 18-gauge steel and compliant with NFPA and OSHA for storing flammable or hazardous materials is available form Protectoseal, Bensenville, IL. Cabins are designed with leak-proof 2-in. bottom well in the event of a container leak. Come with either manual or self-closing doors. Order yellow for storing two 55-gal. drums of flammables; blue for...
Protectoseal offers a wide variety of safety cabinets

acid-resistant cabinets that hold acids or corrosives from 15-60 gal.; red for Class III combustibles; green for pesticide cabinets that hold 12-45 gal.

Circle #297

RADIANS
877/723-4267
www.radians.com
New safety eyewear from Radi-ans, Memphis, TN, offers a sleek, fashionable style and comfortable, non-invasive Jelli™ earplugs that attach directly to the temple post of the glasses. Available in six different colors — clear, mirror, grey, amber and two shades of green — the 100% polycarbonate lens blocks out over 99% of UVB and UVA rays. The distortion-free lens is also scratch resistant, anti-static and anti-fog. A black breakaway neck cord is included with each and every pair of Radians A.V.

Circle #298

SAFETY STORAGE
800/344-6539
info@safetystorage.com
Store palletized, volatile chemicals in a safe place at a constant temperature. The Model 4508C dual-temperature controlled building from Safety Storage, Hollister, CA, is a prefabricated, relocatable steel building with dual refrigeration systems. Controller is programmed to alternate systems on a 7-day cycle and to activate the off-cycle system if the operational system fails. Building is 46x8 ft. providing 288 sq. ft. of storage behind R-22 insulation.

Circle #299

SMUCKER MANUFACTURING
800/333-4503
www.smucker.net
A full line of safety and comfort equipment for Polaris ATV’s, as well as other accessories, is available from Smucker Manufacturing, Harrisburg, OR. Their windshields for Polaris ATVs are built twice as thick as competitors’. The full-flared design provides upper body and hand protection. They’re available in mid-height or tall. Other accessories are available from their catalog.

Circle #300

STIHL, INC.
800-G0-STIHL
Uvex Bandit eye wear from chain saw manufacturer Stihl, Virginia Beach, VA, are sporty and stylish with wraparound frame and dual-lens look. They actually are a single lens with molded-in side shields and brow guards for excellent protection and visibility. They are coated with Uvextreme AF, an anti-fog, anti-static, anti-scratch, anti-UV coating.

Circle #301

SUPERIOR SIGNALS, INC.
800/447-3693
These Safe-T-Alert 2500 series alarms from Superior Signals, Olathe, KS, come in six models. Units have decibel ratings from 87 dB to 107 dB. Self-adjusting models available. Voltage ratings vary from 12 to 80 VDC. Units come with a range of mounting options and can be steam cleaned after use in rugged environments. All alarms are UL listed and conform to SAE specifications.

Circle #302

ULTIMATE GOODS
888/880-1997
www.ultimategoods.com
Since introducing its Ultimate Gardening Glove in 1992, this Rolling-bay, WA, firm has kept improving them year after year. The Hot Tamale is very durable and quite comfortable with its waterproof PVC outer shell, seamless acrylic fleece lining and textured grip for slippery, oily or wet objects. Keep this handy for cold weather uses — it remains flexible to temperatures of -4 F.

Circle #303

ULTRATECH INTERNATIONAL
800/353-1611
www.spillcontainment.com
These Ultra-Collection tanks from UltraTech International, Jacksonville, FL, meet EPA’s container storage regulations for collection of hazardous wastes. One piece, molded polyethylene tanks range from 50-500 gal. Ultratech’s hazardous waste storage containers deter leaks from 50-500 gal. Each is equipped with secondary containment sump to capture any leaks or overspills. Tanks also have collection funnel to allow safe pouring and draining of waste.

Circle #304