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Safety accessories

Green industry work presents many safety challenges, which some of these products address.

■ We know you have insurance, but have you extended your concern for your workers by making sure they work safely?

Job safety extends beyond making sure you keep your hands away from spinning mower blades. In some jobs, like operating a chipper, the entire body is at risk.

Safety equipment is itself a huge industry, so there's no shortage of sources for all kinds of gear to protect your people in all kinds of work. Some are so obvious we risk insulting your intelligence by even listing them; others may not have been considered. Any of the catalogs mentioned here will be a good starting point.

And remember: when you protect your workers, you protect yourself.

—Terry McIver

Body harness protects against falls

The Direct Safety Co. carries Miller harnesses which allow the legs to absorb the shock of a fall.

The lightweight full body harness features a



tongue-buckle waist strap with adjustable shoulder and leg straps. It can be used with single point lifeline in the back or a Y-shaped yoke lifeline from the shoulders.

The Direct Safety catalog, shown at right, contains many safety-related articles for protection on the job, such as gloves, rehydration drinks, and eye and ear protection.

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Aprons supplement hand, arm protection

Aprons from Rainfair, Inc. are large enough to protect the front of the body from the shoulders to below the knees against splashes and spills. They're available in various materials.

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Skin protection counts

Zobel dry skin care lotion complements sun protection products.

The lotion protects against the effects of wind burn, rain, snow, sleet, petrochemicals, strong odors, stains, harsh soaps, detergents, disinfectants, fertilizers, dirt, pool chemicals and frequent hand washings.

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Tourniquets guard against leaks and spills

Drum tourniquets are an important part of control product storage and handling.

UltraTech's tourniquet is a quick and effective way to stop leaks in punctured or corroded drums.

This "high-tech bandage" uses magnetic or suction technology to compress a chemical-resistant, flexible pad against the leaking area.



Stainless steel backing plate is flexible and may be applied in any direction.

The magnetic style is used with carbon steel drums; the suction version adheres to stainless steel or non-textured polyethylene drums.

No straps or tools are needed.

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Keep out noise comfortably

Three styles of ear muffs from 3M feature multiple position ear cups. Replaceable ear cushions and molded noise suppression inserts provide for longer use-life and improved hygiene.



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Back support limits pain and strain

Yard and garden work doesn't have to be a pain.

The OK-505 industrial back support from OK-1Mfg. Co., Inc. is made of a breathable, durable power-knit nylon and elastic webbing.

Interior rubber stitching helps prevent



"ride-up," no matter what the activity.

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New safety manual from ALCA

The Associated Landscape contractors of America has released its ALCA Safety Resource Manual.

The manual provides the information any landscape company needs to organize a complete, customized safety program.

The user-friendly manual includes 11 chapters, ranging from implementation to evaluation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ALCA, 12200 SUNRISE VALLEY DR., SUITE 150, RESTON, VA 22091; (703) 620-6363.

A-to-Z outdoor protection

Forestry Suppliers, Inc. has a 500-page catalog with items for first aid and body protection.

Gloves, vests, marking tapes, body suits and signage are included. Call toll free, (800) 647-5368.

Emergency eye washes, drench showers

Murdock, Inc. of Cincinnati specializes in water delivery systems, including emergency drench showers and eye-washers.

Several models are available.

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Warn workers, onlookers of dangers at job site

Barricades and warning tapes from Thor Enterprises remind workers and passersby of dangerous areas or the location of utility lines.

Warning tapes protect against property damage, emergency outage, labor and equipment expenditures, and most importantly, physical injury that can result from damaging a utility line.

The company's FenceGard safety fencing and Barri-Kit safety system guarantees you comply with OSHA regulations for protection around construction sites.

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Arborist training in electrical hazards

New OSHA regulations expand the training and certification requirements for utilities and line clearance contractors whose employees regularly work within 10-ft. of energized lines (OSHA 29CFR, Part 1910.269).

OSHA 29CFR Part 1910.331 affects non-line clearance employees. Those who do not regularly work within 10-ft. of energized wires must still be able to identify overhead electric wires and potentially energized equipment, know the safe working distance to be maintained from various electric hazards and know what to do in case of an accident.

The ACRT Institute of Arboriculture and Urban Forestry offers two training programs for both types of workers. Contact ACRT at (800) 622-2562 for more information.

Comprehensive program covers all safety bases

Zee Medical offers a set of 12 safety program modules for people who aren't full-time safety management or training experts.

"Zee Advantage" provides clear safety and ergonomic solutions to the challenges facing small to medium-sized businesses.

Topics include:

- preventing back injury
- fire extinguishers
- respiratory protection
- sight/vision protection

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Did you know?

As of April 15, 1994, employers using pesticides in their businesses are required to post—at a central location—three types of information:

- a pesticide application list
- emergency medical information
- pesticide safety poster

Gempler's, Inc. of Mt. Horeb, Wis., sells a compliance kit (\$11.95) that contains these three items, and a 156-page Reference Guide on the Worker Protection Standard. Contact the company at (800) 382-8473.