

Safety Innovations

Pointers And Products To Protect You

(NAPSA)—For every accident in the workplace, 100 will happen in the home. Before you start your next home improvement or yard project, consider these five safety tips:

- **Breathe a little easier.**

When painting, maintaining the pool, working on the lawn and when allergen levels are high, take special care. If you can see, smell or taste the substance you're working with, you probably need respiratory protection such as the AOSafety® QuickLatch® PRO respirator. It's easy to wear. Just flip the latch and the respirator slides off your face if you want to take a break. Then flip the latch again so the respirator slides back into place to protect you when you're prepared to tackle the project once more.

- **Keep your vision clear.**

More than 90 percent of eye injuries can be prevented with the use of safety eyewear. Contemporary designs that are both stylish and comfortable are available in lightweight styles for prolonged wear and with lenses that are hard-coated to resist scratching. Use clear lenses indoors and chemical goggles if working with fine particles or liquids.

- **Cover your ears.** Hearing loss is a common disability in the United States and common household machines such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers and power tools can generate noise loud enough to damage hearing. If the noise is so loud you need to raise your voice to be heard three feet away, your hearing may be at risk. Regular and proper use of earplugs or protective equipment can help prevent hearing damage. A fun way can be with the AOSafety WorkTunes™. It has a noise reduction rating of 22 decibels and doubles as a portable AM/FM stereo radio.



It seems safe to say some savvy personal safety equipment and a good first-aid kit should be a part of any project.

- **Be prepared.** Nearly everyone will need a first-aid kit at some time, making it a necessity at home, at work and in your car. Instead of assembling one yourself, consider buying a ready-made kit designed to treat a range of common minor emergencies. The most efficient kits are tailored to fit your needs and feature such essential items as antiseptics, antibacterial wipes, adhesive bandages, scissors or tweezers, burn cream and a cold pack.

- **To be safe, be seen.** Being aware of your surrounding environment is only one step in being safe; the environment needs to be aware of you. Equipment such as reflective vests or safety cones can be lifesavers.

Following these tips and wearing the proper safety equipment can help you enjoy your projects and protect your health and safety. For more information about the appropriate safety products for your project, log on to www.aosafety.com.