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Dear RETRO Members;

March is [Save Your Vision](#) and [Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month](#). This is an opportunity to check your personal protective eye gear and ensure that your employees are properly using them. Eyes are priceless and eye protection is cheap in comparison!

Safety Inspections. Giving your shop an annual 'physical' by doing a top-to-bottom check is important even when you routinely perform safety inspections for the different parts of your operation. Yes, just like getting an annual check-up with your doctor.

That means you go through everything: Accident Prevention Plan, Hazard Communications-MSDS, posters, workstations, personal protective gear, emergency plans, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, electrical cords, smoke alarms, and so on. Checking everything should produce a list of items that will need attention or correction. Making sure your operation is doing the best to reduce accidents to build a culture of workplace safety.

Here is a link to the [RS SAFETY library for Check List worksheet](#). If you need a different format to make it easier for you to modify in Excel or Word, please [contact me](#).

Forklift Safety. Common forklift injuries are often due to driving off loading docks or fall between docks and an unsecured trailer. Other workers are hurt when they are struck by a forklift, or when they fall while standing on elevated pallets and tines. Most incidents also involve property damage, including damage to overhead sprinklers, racking, pipes, walls, and other machinery. You also need to consider type of load, speed, incline and surface when operating a forklift. [Link to forklift training tools](#). There are some good videos on [RS SafetyTV](#) in the forklift section. Forklift operators are required to be at least 18 years old and have a separate certification.

Here at WRA, we want all employees to take the time and be safe! Remember, DOSH can fine your business if you are not holding and documenting monthly safety meetings. Number three cited item for 2019

Thinking safety for you,

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