

Daylight Savings is back on March 13th!

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Hello 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 compared to the loss of an eye!



Safety Inspections. Giving your shop an annual 'physical' by conducting a top-to-bottom in-depth review is essential, even though you routinely perform safety inspections for the different parts of your operation.



Just like getting an annual check-up with your doctor, helping to ensure your company is in good *safety health* requires a thorough review. You will need to review every aspect of your business, including your Accident Prevention Plan, Hazard Communications-SDS, posters, workstations, personal protective gear, emergency plans, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, electrical cords, smoke alarms, and the like. It's important to involve your employees to help as they are usually familiar with potential issues that haven't been reported.

Checking all aspects of your operation thoroughly should produce a list of items that will need attention or correction. You will want to take the time to fix them as soon as possible rather than procrastinating. Making sure

your operation is doing its best to reduce accidents helps to build a culture of workplace safety.

Here is a link to our RS SAFETY library's [Check List worksheet](#). This worksheet is a Word document. If you need a different format to make it easier for you to modify, please [contact me](#) for an Excel version.

Forklift Safety. Common forklift injuries are often due to driving off the edge of loading docks or falling off an unsecured trailer. Workers can also be injured when struck by a forklift, falling off an elevated stack of pallets, or off the forklift's tines. Most incidents also involve property damage, including overhead sprinklers, racking, pipes, walls, and other machinery.



Additionally, consider the type of load, speed, incline, and floor surface when operating a forklift. Remember, **forklift operators are required to be at least 18 years old and have a separate operators certification.**

You will find several of our safety videos on [RS SafetyTV](#) in the forklift section and additional forklift [training tools from L&I here](#).

Helping you with your safety,

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