



Safety Brief:

Before we start work today I want to stress the importance of safety on the job. Your wellbeing and that of every volunteer working next to you, below you or above you needs to be considered before anything else.

We are located at _____ Cemetery.

The address here is _____.

The nearest medical facility is located at _____.

If we need to contact emergency services, EMT, fire, or police, please use your cell phone to call 911. Please make sure you tell them your location, as your phone will automatically call your home area code dispatcher.

If we need to evacuate the cemetery we will leave through the _____ entrance. If inclement weather occurs during our day we will take shelter in _____ building. If we need to all muster together we will all gather in _____ area.

We ask that you take on not just your safety but that of your fellow co-workers, we call this actively caring. We ask that you take the responsibility to observe what is happening around you and speak up if you see anything that has a potential for being unsafe. You may be working with teams you don't know or people you may not have worked with before. Everyone has the authority to stop a job, to voice a safety concern, regardless of your position or relationship. Communication with each other is key.

You may be confronted with a situation or equipment you haven't encountered before. If you are uncomfortable with any situation—please ask for help. Please don't operate or do anything you haven't previously been trained for.

If you are not a trained tree professional do not work in areas of active aerial work or active brush chipping.

Before working:

- Conduct a pre-job brief at each and every tree to full understanding within each group
- Inspect tree prior to work
- Make sure you have the appropriate PPE
 - Hard hat
 - Safety glasses
 - Hearing protection
 - Closed-toed shoes

- Anything additional required to perform the job safely

Hazards and surroundings to be aware of:

- work zones
- drop zones
- chippers
- falling debris/tools
- heat
- bugs

Heat related illness:

- Stay hydrated
- Take breaks

Make sure to mitigate any hazards if you see them.

We are asking that each one of you take this on as a personal commitment. The safety of you and the property you are working on is more important than getting the work done.

At this time we would like to identify any CTSP (Certified Treecare Safety Professional) individuals that are here. (If CTSP individuals are present) Would you be willing to accept the responsibility of the safety of the people around you?