



Safety Preparation Checklist: Workers' Compensation Fall Cleanup Jobs

Before beginning work, thoroughly assess each job site to identify any potential hazards.

Communicate with local utility companies to locate and mark up utility lines.

Acclimatize new and returning workers over a period of 1 to 2 weeks to reduce the risk of overexertion.

Check to ensure workers have the appropriate personal protective equipment, such as respirators, sturdy footwear with excellent traction; head, ear, and eye protection; protective clothing; and protective shields or barriers.

Inspect all equipment before use and ensure machine guards comply with OSHA standards (see OSHA 29 CFR parts [1910.212](#), [1910.266](#), and [1926.300](#) for more information).

For utility line clearing, follow OSHA standards [1910.333](#), including maintaining an appropriate distance from power lines.

Always keep walking and working surfaces clear of debris and other obstacles.

Provide supplementary jobsite lighting to aid worker visibility.

Establish clear, uniform communication standards for all workers.

Maintain a proactive safety program, including logging all incidents, infractions, and near misses.

Provide initial and ongoing safety training for all workers.

Keep first-aid supplies on site and ensure there's always an employee who's trained to provide first aid.

Create a written emergency action plan that complies with OSHA standards outlined in [1926.35](#).

