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## Safety Focus of the Month

### Play of the Day

What does “Play of the Day” mean to you on the job?

Each month we will highlight each letter of: **SIMPLE**. The safety team will be providing table tents to place around your offices.

## Play your way into safety!

Oftentimes, safe practices while on the job is an effort of planning and collaboration with your team.

Getting together with your coworkers and organizing a plan for how the day will go is a great way to make sure everyone is on the same page and safe at work!

### Smith 5 Keys

Play of the Day can be beneficial in planning ahead to reduce chances of injury, but the actions of third-party vehicles cannot always be predicted. Remember to use the [Smith 5 Keys](#) to stay safe sharing the road with other drivers!

#### Key 1. Aim High in Steering

Look ahead to where you will be at least 15 seconds into your future for advanced warning and to anticipate potential safety hazards.

#### Key 2. Get The Big Picture

Check at least one of your mirrors every 5 to 8 seconds and eliminate visual barriers by establishing a safe following distance.

#### Key 3. Keep Your Eyes Moving

Keep your eyes moving every 2 seconds to keep your mind active and resist fatigue while driving on the road.

#### Key 4. Leave Yourself an Out

Surround yourself with vehicle space when possible. Choose the proper lane and adjust speed to maintain your space cushion.

#### Key 5. Make Sure They See You

Detect potential danger early and send your warning signals as soon as you think they will be recognized.

## Spring Weather Conditions

As the weather shifts from cold and dry to warm and windy, it's important to make sure you are planning your play of the day and adjusting to current weather conditions. The spring weather can amplify many safety hazards such as pests, poison ivy/oak, and wildfires.

Use the tips below to make sure your team is best prepared for potential spring safety hazards while on the job.

1

### Maintain a Clean Workspace

Wildfires can displace stinging insects and pests. Reduce your chances of attracting pests by making sure to maintain a clean workspace. Remove rubble and debris around outdoor workspaces, properly discard food, wear clean clothing, and bathe daily.

2

### Protect Your Skin

[Skin protection](#) is important to reduce contact poison ivy/oak and damage from too much sun. Make sure to cover your skin as much as you can in protective clothing, wear sunscreen, and keep poison ivy barrier gel on hand.

3

### Maintain Awareness

Wildfires can spread quickly based on wind speeds and humidity. It's important to always be aware of your surroundings and leave yourself an escape route to avoid becoming trapped. Trust your intuition and warn others if you notice changes before them.

4

### Watch Your Step

Walking surfaces that are wet, slick from oil, ashes, and/or uneven surfaces increase risk for slips, trips, and falls. To keep yourself safe, follow OCC's safety brief on [avoiding slips, trips, and falls](#) while walking around on the job.

## FY25 Long Term Challenge

The FY25 Long Term Challenge is still ongoing! Winners will receive a custom, laser engraved tumbler and all sections who achieve Mission Zero for FY25 will be entered in a random drawing to win a free, hot and homemade breakfast cooked by Tucker, Mike, and Lori.

Let's stay strong in the competition by staying safe on the job! **Best of luck!!**