# Spring Safety Checklist for Employers

### **General Workplace Safety**

Inspect walkways, parking lots, and outdoor areas for damage from winter weather (cracks, potholes, or uneven surfaces).

- Check for proper drainage to prevent slip hazards from spring rain.
- Ensure outdoor lighting is functional for early morning and late shifts.
- Review emergency evacuation routes and update as necessary.
- Ensure first aid kits are stocked and up to date.

## **Building & Facility Maintenance**

- ☑ Inspect HVAC systems and replace air filters to improve indoor air quality.
- Check for signs of mold or water damage from winter leaks.
- Test smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent water buildup.
- Ensure pest control measures are in place as insects and rodents become more active.

#### **Employee Health & Wellness**

- Encourage employees to stay hydrated as temperatures rise.
- Promote workplace wellness programs and allergy awareness.
- Ensure proper ventilation in workspaces to reduce allergens.
- Offer sun protection guidance for outdoor workers (sunscreen, hats, UV protection).
- Remind employees to update their emergency contact information.

#### **Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance**

Service company vehicles to prepare for increased spring travel (check tires, brakes, and fluids).

- Inspect outdoor tools and equipment for wear and tear from winter storage.
- Ensure ladders and scaffolding are in good condition before outdoor use.
- Check power tools and extension cords for fraying or damage.
- Conduct refresher training on safe equipment handling if needed.

#### **Outdoor & Seasonal Hazards**

Train employees on severe weather protocols, including tornadoes, thunderstorms, and flooding.

- Secure loose outdoor materials that could become projectiles in high winds.
- Review insect and tick bite prevention for outdoor workers.

- Assess landscaping needs to keep walkways clear of overgrown plants or debris.
- Check for standing water that could attract mosquitoes.

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

- Update workplace emergency action plans for spring weather threats.
- Conduct seasonal safety training or drills for employees.
- Ensure storm shelters or safe zones are accessible and stocked with emergency supplies.
- Review and update business continuity plans in case of weather-related disruptions.
- Communicate safety reminders through meetings, emails, or posters.

By following this checklist, employers can create a safer and healthier work environment for employees during the spring season.