

SAFETY COORDINATOR RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL TREE CARE

JOB DESCRIPTION

Safety coordinators are responsible for developing and maintaining strong integrated safety programs within a company. This includes written policies, an ongoing training program, site inspections, and record keeping.

TYPICAL BACKGROUND

Safety coordinators often come up through the ranks of the tree crew. Many have formal education in arboriculture. Most are very active in professional organizations because of the need to stay abreast of the latest regulations, equipment, and techniques.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Strong communication, management, and leadership skills are essential. Many companies require ISA Arborist Certification, and some recommend or require Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist status.



EDUCATION/TRAINING NEEDS

- General work site safety and hazard recognition
- Work orders and work plan preparation
- Job briefings
- Basic management training
- Communication skills
- Emergency procedures
- Chain saw use and safety
- Chipper use and safety
- Proper equipment use and maintenance
- Pruning principles and techniques
- Cabling and bracing (and lightning protection)
- Tree identification proficiency
- Tree biology
- Diagnostic training, especially hazard recognition

EDUCATION TRAINING MATERIALS

- NAA: *Foreman Training Program*
- NAA: *Home Study Program*
- ISA *Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas*
- ISA: *Arborists' Certification Study Guide*
- ISA ArborMaster Video Series and Workbook: *Chain Saw Use and Safety*
- NAA Video: *Back Injury Prevention*
- ISA ArborMaster Video Series and Book: *The Art and Science of Practical Rigging*
- ANSI Z133.1 Safety Standards
- ANSI A300 Pruning
- ANSI A300 Cabling and Bracing
- NAA Video Set: *Rigging for Removal*
- NAA Tailgate Safety Program
- Electrical Hazards Awareness Program
- Best Management Practice: Pruning
- Best Management Practice: Tree Support Systems
- ISA: *Plant Health Care for Woody Ornamentals*

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Commercial Drivers License (CDL) may be required
ISA Arborist Certification recommended

TYPICAL FUTURE CAREER PATHS

Tree Care Salesperson, Tree Care Company Manager/Executive, Company Owner, Equipment Sales