

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 start their careers in a 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 REQUIREMENT

Strong communication, management, and leadership skills are essential. Many companies require ISA Certified Arborist® credential, and some recommend or require ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist® and ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist® credentials.



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EDUCATION/TRAINING NEEDS

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

EDUCATION TRAINING MATERIALS

- ✓ *An Illustrated Guide to Pruning* (Gilman)
- ✓ *ANSI A300 Standards for Tree Care Operations* (or applicable national standards)
- ✓ *ANSI Z133 Safety Standard for Arboricultural Operations* (or applicable national standard)
- ✓ *Arboriculture and the Law* (Merullo and Valentine)
- ✓ *Arborists' Certification Study Guide* (ISA)
- ✓ *Arborists' Knots for Climbing and Rigging DVD and Workbook* (ISA)
- ✓ *ArborMaster® Training Video Series* (ISA)
- ✓ *Best Management Practices Series* (ISA)
- ✓ *Chain Saw Safety and Field Maintenance* (Eckert)
- ✓ *Diseases of Trees and Shrubs* (Sinclair and Lyon)
- ✓ *Online Learning Center: Arborist Ropes* (ISA)
- ✓ *Tree Climbers' Guide* (ISA)
- ✓ *Tree Risk Assessment Manual* (ISA)

CERTIFICATION/LICENSES

ISA Certified Arborist® is required. ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®, ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist® and ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification credentials, and Commercial Driver's License are recommended.

TYPICAL FUTURE CAREER PATHS

Safety coordinators may remain in this position, switch to tree care/equipment salesperson, or move up to tree care company manager/executive, or become the company owner.