

Safety Coordinator Utility Tree Care

JOB DESCRIPTION

SAFETY COORDINATORS in utility tree care are responsible for developing and maintaining strong integrated safety programs within a company. This includes written policies, ongoing training programs, site inspections, and record keeping.

TYPICAL BACKGROUND

Safety coordinators often come from tree crew positions at the utility, commercial or municipal level. Many have formal education in arboriculture with training in utility work.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Strong communication, management, and leadership skills are essential. Many companies require ISA Certified Arborist® credential.



EDUCATION/TRAINING NEEDS

- ✓ Basic management training
- ✓ Chain saw use and safety
- ✓ Chipper use and safety
- ✓ Communication skills
- ✓ Diagnostic training
- ✓ Electrical hazard awareness training
- ✓ Emergency procedures
- ✓ First aid and CPR
- ✓ General work site safety
- ✓ Hazard recognition
- ✓ Job briefings
- ✓ Line clearance training
- ✓ Proper equipment use and maintenance
- ✓ Pruning principles and techniques
- ✓ Tree biology
- ✓ Tree identification proficiency
- ✓ Work orders and work plan preparation

EDUCATION TRAINING MATERIALS

- ✓ *ANSI A300 Standards for Tree Care Operations* (or applicable national standards)
- ✓ *ANSI Z133 Safety Standard for Arboricultural Operations* (or applicable national standard)
- ✓ *Arborists' Certification Study Guide* (ISA)
- ✓ *ArborMaster® Training Video Series* (ISA)
- ✓ *Best Management Practices Series* (ISA)
- ✓ *Chain Saw Safety and Field Maintenance* (Eckert)
- ✓ Electrical Hazards Awareness Program
- ✓ *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* (Dirr)
- ✓ OSHA Regulations—1910.268, 1910.269 (or applicable national working safety regulations)
- ✓ *The Art and Science of Practical Rigging – DVD and Book Set* (ISA)
- ✓ *Tree Climber's Guide* (ISA)
- ✓ *Tree Risk Assessment Manual* (ISA)
- ✓ *Utility Specialist Certification Study Guide* (ISA)

CERTIFICATION/LICENSES

ISA Certified Arborist® credential is strongly recommended. ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®, ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist®, ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist™ and ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification credentials are recommended. Commercial Driver's License, First Aid and CPR certification are required.

TYPICAL FUTURE CAREER PATHS

Safety coordinators may move up to management positions within their company or may switch to another sector within the industry, such as commercial arboriculture.