



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

Tree/Brush Cutting Safety

Following the checklist below can help reduce claims and provide a safe environment when cutting trees and brush.

- Proper Equipment:** Always use appropriate safety gear, including gloves, safety glasses, sturdy footwear, and high-visibility clothing.
- Tool Safety:** Ensure all cutting tools are sharp and in good working condition. Dull tools can lead to accidents.
- Traffic Awareness:** Be aware of oncoming traffic. Use traffic cones or warning signs to alert drivers of your presence.
- Safe Lifting:** Use proper lifting techniques when picking up brush. Bend at the knees, not waist, to prevent back injuries.
- Debris Management:** Keep the work area clear of debris to prevent tripping hazards.
- Weather Conditions:** Be mindful of weather conditions. Wet or windy weather can make this work more dangerous.
- Team Communication:** If working in a team, maintain clear communication to ensure everyone's safety.
- Emergency Plan:** Have an emergency plan in place, including knowledge of the nearest hospital and a stocked first aid kit.



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