

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

SUMMER ROAD WORK REMINDERS

Summer is upon us and the time of year when Road Districts tackle warmer weather projects. Please keep the following items in mind while working to help prevent claims.



Visibility:

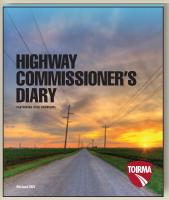
Keep roadsides, signs, and intersections clear of debris. Check for overgrown brush that could potentially cause visibility issues for motorists.

Debris:

Keep roads and roadsides free of debris and loose material.







Signs:

Are you using the proper signs according to MUTCD? Be sure to use signs while working on roads to warn of hazardous conditions.

Highway Commissioner's Diary:

Do you have an inspection system in place? Do you document your work and projects? Certain claims can be prevented and defended by simple record keeping. Utilize a *Highway Commissioner's Diary* to document all road work, projects, and inspections. **Documentation is a good risk management practice.**

Backing:

A common claim in the summer involves backing or failing to keep a proper lookout. Consider using a flagger or spotter to help keep the work zone safe. Be cautious while working and/or backing.

The Members Only section of the TOIRMA website, toirma.org, has a variety of training videos, *Risk Reminders*, and other resources to help maintain a safe work environment.

