

CORPORATE MESSAGE

CLIMBING TECHNIQUES



Make sure your climbing ropes, harnesses and other equipment are in good condition.



Inspect all limbs before applying weight. Never trust dead limbs.



Ideally maintain three points of contact, preferably on separate limbs.



Establish clear communications with a team member on the ground.



When aloft with hand saws, cover the cutting teeth when not in use.

SAFETY VIDEOS

English: vimeo.com/townsendcorp/16te

Spanish: vimeo.com/townsendcorp/16ts

REGIONAL/LOCAL OPERATIONS GOALS

Last Week

This Week

IMPORTANT REMINDER

DAILY SAFETY NUGGETS

MONDAY

What type of inspection shall be performed before climbing any tree? A visual hazard assessment, including a root collar inspection, shall be performed prior to climbing, entering, or performing any work in a tree.

TUESDAY

How many points of contact are you to maintain when climbing a tree? Hands and feet should be placed on different limbs, and three points of contact shall be maintained with the tree while climbing.

WEDNESDAY

What height should climbers work at when more than one climber is in the same tree? When more than one climber is working in the same tree, they should work at approximately the same height from the ground unless they are working in different quadrants of the tree.

THURSDAY

Where should your tie in position be in a tree? The tie in position should be well above the work area so that the arborist will not be subject to an uncontrolled pendulum swing in the event of a slip.

FRIDAY

What shall happens EVERYTIME before work actually begins in a tree? The arborist shall be secured while ascending the tree. The arborist shall remain tied in before the work begins and shall remain tied in until the work is completed and he or she has returned to the ground.

SATURDAY

Where should the climber place their rope when working aloft? The climbing line should be placed around the trunk of the tree, as high above the ground as possible, using branches with a wide crotch to prevent any binding of the climbing line.

DRIVE SAFETY TIP

Turn it off and stow it.

Turn your phone off or switch it to silent mode before you get in the car. Then stow it away so that it's out of reach. Remember, our new Driving Safety Policy requires all cell phone to be stored in a designated box. They are not to be on your person while in a company vehicle.



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Weekly Tailgate Sign-in

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