

Emergency Response Procedures

Job Steps Affected by Today's Topic

Climbing
Use of equipment
Working near electricity
Working on the ground

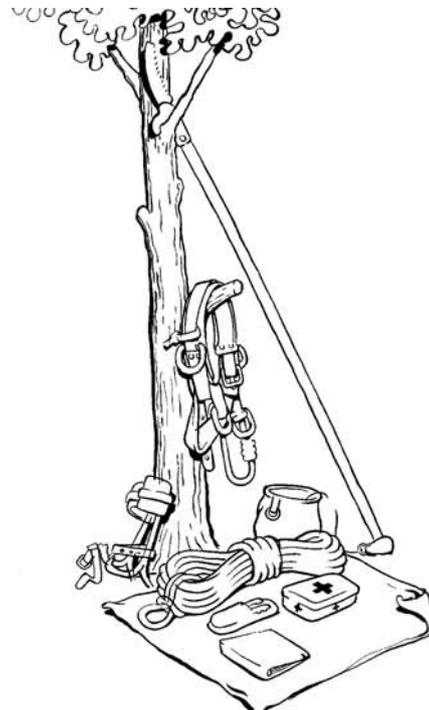
Potential Hazards/Risks

Failure to respond quickly and appropriately in an emergency

Action Steps

Each company should have set emergency procedures. Each employee should be made aware of the procedures, starting with the first day on the job. The actual procedures may vary between companies, but the following is a good minimum:

1. List of emergency phone numbers. Everyone on the crew should be trained on how to use the radio or mobile phone as provided, even new employees on the first day, before they leave the shop.
2. Contact information for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), because 911 does not apply in all areas.
3. List of nearest hospitals. Many tree care firms cover large geographical regions and the nearest hospital may vary.
4. Contact information for local law enforcement in case of accident or emergency.
5. Employer's phone number. Don't laugh; many employees may not remember the company phone number in an emergency.



6. First aid kit. Everyone on the crew should know where the first aid kit is and be able to get to it quickly. Mobile kits that can be secured to the truck are available. They have special brackets that allow you to remove the kit quickly in an emergency. A good practice is to place the first aid kit out where the entire crew can easily get to it.
7. Fire extinguisher, fully charged and accessible.

What else can you do to prevent injuries?

PPE advised for this job function:



Complete the following:

Name: _____ Date: / / Signature: _____

Multiple Choice Instructions: Select the one statement that best answers each question.

1. According to ANSI, which of the following are required for emergency response procedures?
 - a) first aid kit, cell phone, first aid and CPR training
 - b) first aid kit, training in emergency response procedures, training to identify, prevent and treat common insect stings and contact with poisonous plants
 - c) cell phone, first aid kit, hospital phone number
 - d) first aid kit, EMS number, cell phone
2. When should a new employee read the company emergency response procedures?
 - a) only when he or she could need them.
 - b) at the end of the probationary period.
 - c) when he or she will be in a dangerous situation.
 - d) the first day on the job, before leaving the shop.
3. Who of the following should have training in aerial rescue procedures?
 - a) climbers
 - b) ground workers
 - c) bucket operators
 - d) all of the above
4. Where is the BEST place for a first aid kit on the job site?
 - a) behind the seat of the truck where everyone knows where it is
 - b) inside the door of the tool box
 - c) out of the truck in a spot where everyone knows where to find it
 - d) anywhere in the truck
5. A list of phone numbers that should be available in the truck should include _____.
 - a) EMS
 - b) hospitals
 - c) local law enforcement
 - d) all of the above, and more
6. Part of the training for a new employee should include instructions on how to use the cell phone, if present, as well as the appropriate numbers.
 - a) True
 - b) False

True or False Instructions: Indicate if the statement is true (a) or false (b).