

"This approach aligns with the industry's high stakes and fosters a culture of safety and sustainability that resonates throughout member businesses."



Tree care management involves unique operational risks, from high-altitude work and equipment use to handling hazardous materials. These activities expose businesses to significant liabilities, emphasizing the necessity of effective loss control measures.

Loss control becomes a strategic asset that directly influences financial stability and growth within a group captive insurance framework designed for the vegetation management and tree care industry.

By implementing effective loss control measures, companies not only safeguard their employees and valuable assets but also achieve tangible reductions in insurance costs. This dual benefit of enhanced safety and financial efficiency makes loss control an indispensable component of successful participation in a group captive insurance program for tree care businesses.

# **Key Loss Control Strategies**

#### **Safety Training and Education**

Regular workshops and seminars keep teams updated on best practices in tree care safety, including proper use of personal protective equipment, machinery handling, and emergency response procedures. Encouraging certifications for tree care professionals in areas like arboriculture safety and equipment operation enhances expertise within the captive, leading to fewer accidents and claims.

## **Preventative Maintenance**

Routine equipment inspections ensure all machinery and tools are in optimal working condition, reducing the risk of malfunctions that could lead to accidents. Proactive replacement or upgrading of aging equipment can prevent failures that cause operational downtime and pose safety risks.

### **Operational Risk Assessments**

Conducting thorough risk assessments before undertaking tree care projects can identify potential hazards, from unstable trees to hazardous weather conditions, allowing for preemptive mitigation strategies. Tailoring risk management strategies to specific projects or site conditions helps address unique challenges effectively.

# **Benefits of Integrated Loss Control**

### **Financial Impact**

Members benefit financially from effective loss control in a group captive as fewer claims lead to lower insurance costs. Profits that typically go to an external insurer are returned to the members, enhancing the financial benefits of well-managed risk.

### **Operational Stability**

Loss control contributes to operational stability by minimizing disruptions caused by accidents and claims. This stability is invaluable for tree care businesses where unexpected costs can significantly impact financial health.

### **Collective Learning**

As a member-driven organization, a group captive provides a platform for sharing best practices and learning from collective experiences. This communal knowledge base supports continuous improvement in loss control techniques, benefiting all members through shared insights.

# **Ascend Group Captive**

Ascend group captive is the first-ever member-owned group captive program designed specifically for the vegetation management and tree care industry. Ascend group captive embraces a proactive loss control strategy that offers more than just safety benefits—it creates a strategic foundation for financial health and business growth.

# **Garnet Group Captive**

Garnet Captive Services specializes in structuring and managing group captive programs. Since 2002, Garnet has delivered comprehensive group captive insurance solutions for workers compensation, general liability, auto liability, and auto physical damage coverage. Garnet's group captive programs have been successful in reducing premiums, stabilizing costs, and providing control over employers' insurance programs.



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