

LOSS CONTROL

Information Bulletin

DEBRIS REMOVAL SAFETY TIPS-ACCA

Hurricane Ivan has left behind a lot of trees on the ground and salvage operation is a must. We recognize that this type operation is different than the everyday debris removal operation and different safety guidelines must be followed.

SITE SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Assign key personnel responsible for site safety.
- Describe risks associated with each operation conducted.
- Confirm that personnel are adequately trained to perform jobs.
- Provide the protective clothing and equipment to be worn by personnel during site operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ❖ Check all roads and entry points for utility lines before moving equipment into a tract.
- ❖ Do not set the loader under power lines or over underground lines. Do not operate the loader within one hundred feet of all electric power lines.
- ❖ Beware of buried gas lines.
- ❖ Have a safety meeting with your crew on power line safety before work begins when power lines are present.
- ❖ Do not go near downed power lines.
- ❖ Ensure that workers do not walk under or through areas where booms and other heavy equipment are being used to lift objects.
- ❖ Ensure operators are aware of the activities around them to protect workers on foot from being struck by moving equipment.
- ❖ Make sure that all equipment warning devices are working (flashers, strobes, back-up alarms).
- ❖ Be sure that the saw's chain brake is fully functioning.
- ❖ Avoid overexertion and practice good lifting techniques.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- ❖ Educate workers regarding safe work procedures before beginning work.
- ❖ Use safety glasses with side shields as a minimum.
- ❖ Provide hard hats, eyeglasses, work gloves, saw chaps and water tight boots.
- ❖ Wear safety-type vests while on the ground.
- ❖ First aid kits are recommended for minor cuts and abrasions.

Important Phone Numbers

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334-954-7200 or 1-800-536-7702

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Note

This document is not intended to be legal advice. It does not identify all the issues surrounding the particular topic. You are encouraged to review your policies and procedures with an expert or an attorney who is knowledgeable about the topic.

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