

## CORPORATE MESSAGE

## PRE-CLIMBING INSPECTIONS



Before climbing, inspect the tree to be climbed and the immediate area for any and all hazards



Locate and identify electrical hazards in or near the tree. Maintaining the minimum approach distance (or MAD) is one of our Keys to Life.



Inspect the tree for root damage, rot, decay and any other structural weaknesses



Inspect all climbing equipment, to include ropes, harnesses, lanyards and other climbing equipment.



Any defects or hazards identified must be corrected or dealt with before any climbing occurs.

## SAFETY VIDEOS

English: [vimeo.com/townsendcorp/2te](https://vimeo.com/townsendcorp/2te)

Spanish: [vimeo.com/townsendcorp/2ts](https://vimeo.com/townsendcorp/2ts)

## GOALS REGIONAL/LOCAL OPERATIONS

Last Week

This Week

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

## DAILY SAFETY NUGGETS

### MONDAY

What inspection is required prior to climbing any tree? A complete tree risk inspection is required. This inspection SHALL include potential for electrical hazards, as well as a full tree hazard inspection to include the following: The area around the tree, wind force & direction, decayed or weak spots, size of tree, terrain, evidence of bees, insects, or wildlife.

### TUESDAY

How often should you inspect your climbing system? Before every climb.

### WEDNESDAY

What are some indicators of a damaged climbing line? Glossy or glazed areas, inconsistent diameter, discoloration, stiffness, damaged strands.

### THURSDAY

What should your lanyard inspection include? Proper function of the snap, length and adjustment, damaged webbing or material.

### FRIDAY

What are some visible indications of potential tree or root decay? Water holes, dead limbs, mushrooms growing on or near the tree, included bark, cracks, lack of trunk taper, girdling roots.

### SATURDAY

What are you to do if your discovered damage that renders any climbing equipment unsafe? Cut it up or otherwise destroy it to the point that it is unusable. This will prevent unauthorized or inadvertent use.

## DRIVE SAFETY TIP

### Keep Moving Forward

Don't go backward if you can go forward. That's good advice about life - and about driving.

Operating a vehicle in reverse puts you at a disadvantage. It is difficult to see all the obstacles in your way. Because the driver's seating and the controls are designed primarily for forward travel, it is hard to respond quickly enough to changing traffic situations.



## PRE-CLIMBING INSPECTIONS

### Weekly Tailgate Sign-in

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Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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