

LOSS CONTROL SERVICES

As consultants to our member school districts, the Trust's Loss Control Staff focuses on building a risk management environment among the staff at the schools. The Trust's overall loss control goal is to assist member districts in reducing their exposure to the risk of loss through the following services:

1. Claims analysis and prevention strategies

One of the keys to accident reduction is to identify areas of loss in the Trust as a whole and in each member school district, and develop strategies for reducing those losses. Trust Loss Control Staff work directly with school districts to help empower them to control their own losses.

2. WISHA compliance and employee safety programs

Loss Control Specialists assist member districts with complying with the many Washington Safety and Health Act (WISHA) regulations by:

- Explaining the WISHA requirements and how they apply to schools
- Providing sample written programs and helping districts tailor these programs to their operations
- Arranging, conducting, or using a "train the trainer" model for required employee safety training
- Conducting facility safety surveys

3. District on-site safety consultations

Trust Loss Control Specialists provide at least three on-site safety consultations each year to each member district. During these visits, loss control staff offer an outside evaluation of the district's programs, activities and facilities, and makes general and district-specific recommendations to help the district reduce its losses. In addition, Trust Loss Control Specialists answer member districts' questions received by phone or email on a variety of employee safety issues.

4. Safety seminars and training

Based on the needs of member districts (especially high frequency or severity areas), Trust Loss Control Specialists arrange for or provide specific employee training. In-district presentations on a variety of safety topics can be provided upon request.

5. Loss control newsletters

The Trust provides an informative newsletter on topics of school employee safety to each school three times a year.

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