

PEST CONTROL SPECIALIST

Ref. Code: B-PC-3

REMOVING ANIMALS FROM BUILDINGS, TREES		
Activity	Hazard Identification	Required Precautions
1. Removing live animals.	1. Animal bites, rabies.	1. Get rabies shot. Wear heavy gloves. Use nooses and snares.
2. Using hi-ranger or genie boom.	2a. Falling out of bucket.	2a. Verify boom operator is certified. Use outriggers to level truck. Wear safety belt and lifeline. Do not exceed weight limit of 500 lbs. in bucket. If moving genie boom more than a few feet at a time, lower bucket before proceeding. Do not drive genie boom over curbs, manhole covers, or anything other than level, hard ground. Do not lean out over railing.
	2b. Electric shock; electrocution.	2b. Stay clear of power lines and of lights on sides of building. Have someone stay on the ground to watch for hazards.
	2c. Running into obstacles such as trees, power lines, etc.	2c. Have grounds crew remove any tree branches that present hazards. Have someone stay on the ground to watch for hazards.
3. Using stepladder.	3. Ladder collapsing; slipping/falling from ladder; ladders with splinters and split legs.	3. Inspect ladder before use. Use ladder of proper height. Make sure ladder is properly assembled and locked and standing on level ground. Do not exceed weight limit for ladder. Do not stand on top of ladder or on top rung. Have coworker hold ladder.
4. Using extension ladder.	4. Ladder falling; slipping/falling from ladder.	4. Inspect ladder before use. Verify that ladder is properly assembled and that it is securely positioned on level ground. Use 1'-4' rule. Use OSHA decal to verify that ladder is in the proper position. A second person should be present to secure the ladder at the bottom and make sure the immediate area is safe.

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5. Removing dead animals.	5. Parasites (lice, fleas, ticks).	5. Wear gloves.
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