

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

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**PROGRAM REQUIRED**

Each state agency covered by Texas Labor Code, Chapter 412 shall develop and implement an agency risk management program which shall include a safety and health program and a return to work program. State agency risk management programs shall either:

1. comply with the risk management guidelines, including risk control and risk financing, contained in Risk Management for Texas State Agencies published by the State Office of Risk Management; or
2. utilize appropriate nationally recognized standards.

Texas Labor Code, Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 412.

**DEFINITION OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk management is the process of planning, organizing, directing and controlling the School's resources to minimize the possibility of loss, or injury, from various causes of loss.

**GOAL OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

During the course of conducting business at the School, the long-term risk management goal is to minimize harm to physical, human, fiscal, and environment resources of the School, and to minimize the total cost of risk to the School. In order to accomplish this long-term goal, the School shall attempt to identify all significant known perils and risks to which the agency may be exposed; avoid unnecessary, or unreasonable, exposures to the extent practicable; take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent harmful events and losses; and initiate reasonable and appropriate loss control techniques to control the frequency and severity of those losses that are unavoidable.

**RISK MANAGEMENT DUTIES**

The risk manager shall be responsible for, the agency's risk management program and agency risk management goals and objectives. The risk manager shall be responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, implementing and monitoring the agency's risk management program.

The Human Resources Department shall handle Worker's Compensation claims. The Property Manager shall handle property losses. Other risk exposures will be handled through the School's internal auditor and through the Safety Committee that represents departments across the campus.

**INSURANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The School shall actively manage its risks by:

1. developing, implementing, and maintaining programs designed to assist employees who sustain compensable injuries to return to work; and
2. cooperating with the State Office of Risk Management and the Texas Department of Insurance in the purchase of property, casualty, and liability lines of insurance coverage.

If the School intends to purchase property, casualty, or liability insurance coverage in a manner other than through the services provided by the State Office of Risk Management, it shall report the intended purchase to the Office in the manner prescribed by the Office. The School shall report the intended purchase not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the date on which the purchase of the coverage is scheduled to occur.

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

The School shall report to the Office of Risk Management for each fiscal year:

1. the location, timing, frequency, severity, and aggregate amounts of losses by category of risk, including open and closed claims and final judgments;
2. loss information obtained by the School in the course of its administration of workers' compensation program;
3. detailed information on existing and potential exposure to loss, including property location and values, descriptions of agency operations, and estimates of maximum probable and maximum possible losses by category of risk;
4. estimates by category of risk of losses incurred but not reported;
5. information the Office of Risk Management determines to prepare a Texas Worker's Compensation Unit Statistical Report; and
6. additional information that the Office of Risk Management determines is necessary.

The information shall be reported not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the last day of each fiscal year.

Texas Labor Code, Title 5, Subtitle A, Section 412.053

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