

**Natural Path Urban Forestry
Tree Risk Management Workshop
Hyatt Conference Hotel, Lisle, Illinois – April 4, 2017**

Course Description This intensive one-day course on tree risk management provides the foundation for developing reasonable, practical, and defensible tree risk management strategies. The course is tailored for arborists and agency staff who manage trees at a system level for public space and/or private clients.

Tree risk management is poorly understood within the vegetation management profession. Most tree risk management is reactive in nature and occurs in response to litigation. This narrow understanding results in responses that are typically disproportionate to the actual risk.

The course will enable tree systems' managers to develop programs that anticipate and respond to tree-related risk. Essential topics will be presented in detail and are listed below.

1. The distinction between the technical tree risk assessment and the system policies that are associated with risk management.
2. Logical fallacies that often dominate tree-related litigation, yet misrepresent risk.
3. The concept of "As Low as Reasonably Practical" (ALARP) as a practical framework for developing a system-level tree risk management policy.
4. Tools for analyzing an agency's or company's risk exposure and establishing tree risk thresholds.
5. The features of a tree risk management strategy that reduces risk and provides the basis for a defensible program.

Risk is managed over time by implementing strategies and policies that can demonstrate a quantifiable reduction in risk. This workshop provides the management instruments to define a program that responds to specific context.

Participants' workshop materials include a detailed narrative on each subject, case studies, applied exercises, a draft tree risk management plan, and a number of tree risk management resources. Additionally, lunch, refreshment breaks, and 6.75 ISA CEU's are included in the workshop fee.

Instructor Biography



Mark Duntemann is the owner of Natural Path Urban Forestry. He is an internationally recognized expert in tree risk management policy development. He has served as an expert witness in over fifty tree-related injury and fatality cases.

Mark has a Master's degree in Urban Forestry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is an ISA Board-Certified Master Arborist, has acquired his ISA tree risk assessment qualification and his tree assessment certification from the Arboriculture Association (UK).

He is currently developing a book on tree risk management and is working toward a post-graduate certificate in risk management from Harvard's Chan School of Public Administration. His expertise in urban forestry management informs his program evaluation role for clients, including municipalities, systems and attorneys.