

## **DESIGNATING AN INTERNAL SAFETY COORDINATOR**

MADSIF recommends that each dealership insured designate an Management Safety Coordinator. Here are a few good reasons why you should have a Safety Coordinator regardless of the size of your dealership.

- 1) Designating a Safety Coordinator demonstrates your commitment to safety to both your employees and to MIOSHA safety inspectors.
- 2) The Safety Coordinator becomes the principal contact for various State inspectors; MIOSHA, Occupational Health, DNR and DEQ. The Safety Coordinator will be knowledgeable about the dealership's overall safety program and can reduce fines by satisfactorily answering the inspector's questions.
- 3) Your Safety Coordinator will meet with the MADSIF Risk Management Specialist when they visit the dealership. This ensures that one person is responsible to management for communicating the results of safety inspections along with the status of hazardous condition corrections and other important information provided by MADSIF.
- 4) The Safety Coordinator can assist Managers in the investigation of reported injuries and near accidents. Proper investigation can reduce the cost of claims and also reduce the potential of repeat incidents. The Safety Coordinator can also work with the claims administrator over the life of the claim to help minimize the cost through light duty and return to work programs.

The Safety Coordinator should oversee the entire dealership safety program. This will make sure all parts of your program are in place and being enforced. The Safety Coordinator can assist in the training and documentation of dealership employees and monitor compliance of programs such as the use of personal protective equipment. The Safety Coordinator should have a positive attitude, be respected by other employees and most importantly must believe in safety. The Safety Coordinator can have a positive impact on the dealerships bottom line.