## The Insurance Certificate Is NOT Enough!

#### Understanding What is REALLY Required to Properly Transfer Risk to Your Contractor

Presented by Risk Reduction Services, LLC



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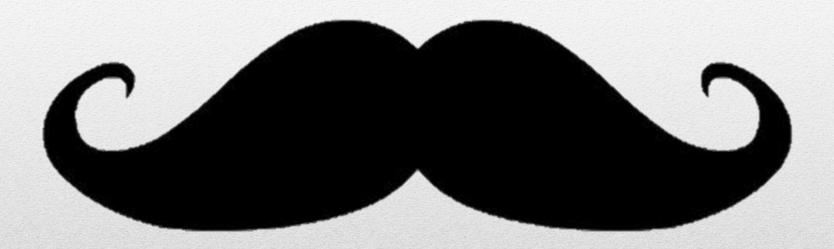
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## INSURANCE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT





#### Audience Make-Up

- Property Managers
- Property Board Members
- Service Contractors / Vendors
- Professional Services
  - Legal
  - Accounting





#### Insurance and You

- Insurance For Your Property
  - "Insurance: How Community Assns Protect Themselves"
    - CAI Press
- Insurance For Your Board
  - "Insuring Honesty & Integrity"
    - Cooperator August 2013
- Insurance From Your Contractor
  - "Escalating Insurance and Your Contractor"
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## **RISK TRANSFER**





#### **Risk Transfer**

- What Is It?
- Why Is It Important To You & Your Properties?
- How Do You Get It?





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#### **Risk Transfer Documents**



Contract

- Certificates of Insurance
- Indemnification / Insurance Requirement Agreements



#### What is "Risk Transfer Document Administration?"

- Collecting and storing Certificates of Insurance and Indemnification / Insurance Requirement Agreements for contractors working at your property or properties.
- Verifying the Certificate of Insurance includes Additional Insured wording for the building manager and the property.
- Collecting and storing renewal Certificates of Insurance for contractors working at your property or properties.





#### Risk Transfer Documents Include

Certificates of Insurance:

Certificates naming the Property Manager and the Property Owner (Condo/Coop Association, office building owner, etc.) as "Additional Insured" on the Contractor / Service Provider's insurance policies.

 Indemnification / Insurance Requirement Agreements:

Indemnifying and holding-harmless the property manager, the property owner, and the property board of directors from claims resulting from a contractor's work, and establishing additional insured status.





#### HOW SUCCESSFUL IS YOUR RISK TRANSFER DOCUMENT ADMINISTRATION?





## Are You Currently...



- Collecting Certificates of Insurance and Indemnification Agreements from ALL of your service and construction contractors working at your properties?
- Organizing these documents for easy access in the event of a claim or Workers Compensation audit?
- Obtaining updates of these documents when contractors' policies expire and/or when the contractor begins work at a new location?



#### **Document Management**



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Things You Should Know:

- All of your Contractor and Service Provider's contact information
- Where they work and what they do
  - Large jobs and capital improvements should include an umbrella policy
  - Auto policies should be required for all vehicle heavy operations, such as fuel oil delivery and landscaping
  - Workers Compensation is required, though exceptions can be made for sole proprietors.

#### **Document Management**



You Should Collect

- An Indemnification / Insurance Requirement Agreement from each contractor that works on your property
- A certificate of insurance listing:
  - General Liability (\$1,000,000 / \$2,000,000)
  - Auto (\$1,000,000)
  - Umbrella (if required for large jobs/capital improvements)
  - Workers Compensation



## BUT IS IT NECESSARY?





#### **Proactive Approach**



When a renewal certificate was not received, the property manager investigated and found his General Liability policy had lapsed. The contractor (whose duties included roofing) decided the insurance had become too expensive, and did not renew the policies.

Although the building board liked the contractor, the proactive Building Manager's appeal to protect the building swayed the board to find another contractor for future work.



#### Contract? What Contract?

After Sandy hit, a building manager hired an arborist to do emergency tree work. A contract was hand written due to the difficult circumstances.

A claim arose from the work, but the hand written contract could not be found. The certificate stated "Additional Insured designation must be required by written contract or written agreement." The claim and "duty to defend" were denied by the arborist's carrier.

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## Not So Sole Proprietors



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A Sole Proprietor hired day laborers to assist in digging ditches in wet conditions. When the hole collapsed, one worker died, another was gravely injured, and the building was sued for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Sole Proprietors are not required to carry Workers Compensation insurance. If they bring day laborers on site for larger jobs, there is great risk to the building. RRS tracks who is a Sole Proprietor, giving you and your building manager the information necessary to make good risk-reducing decisions.

#### Roofer's Risk



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A roofer fell from a building. When the contractor was shown to not have Workers Compensation, the worker sued the building, generating a \$400,000 General Liability claim. At renewal, the building's premiums nearly doubled.

Knowing that your contractors insurance information is current is essential. With information always at your fingertips, you can make the best possible decisions for you and your clients.

#### Indemnified?

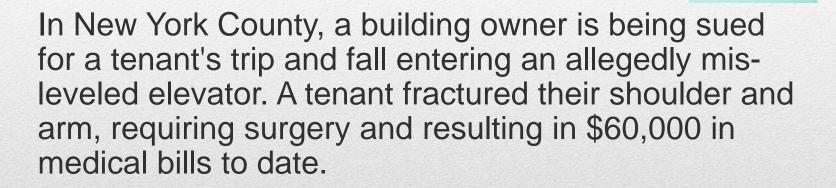


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A Condo Association signed a 5 year, \$80,000/year contract for snow removal of parking lots and sidewalks. The condo did not require the contractor to defend and indemnify them for accidents arising out of their work, and the contract didn't require the contractor to name the condo as an additional insured on their liability policy.

A clubhouse guest slipped and fell on an ice covered ramp that was allegedly untreated. He suffered a serious knee injury and a torn quadriceps tendon, requiring surgery. The condo's insurer now carries a \$175,000 reserve.

#### Written Contract?



The building owner did not have a written contract with the elevator company, however, and their carrier will have no opportunity to tender the defense and indemnity to the elevator company's insurer.

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## RISK TRANSFER -MAKING IT HAPPEN

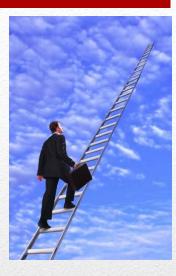




#### **Elements Of Success**

What Are The Elements of a Successful Comprehensive Risk Transfer Program?

- Document Collection
- Organization / Accessibility
- Monitoring / Updating





#### **Risk Transfer Services**

- Internal
  - Paper Tracking
  - Excel / Database Tracking
  - Property Management Software
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Software Packages
- External
  - Full Service Providers





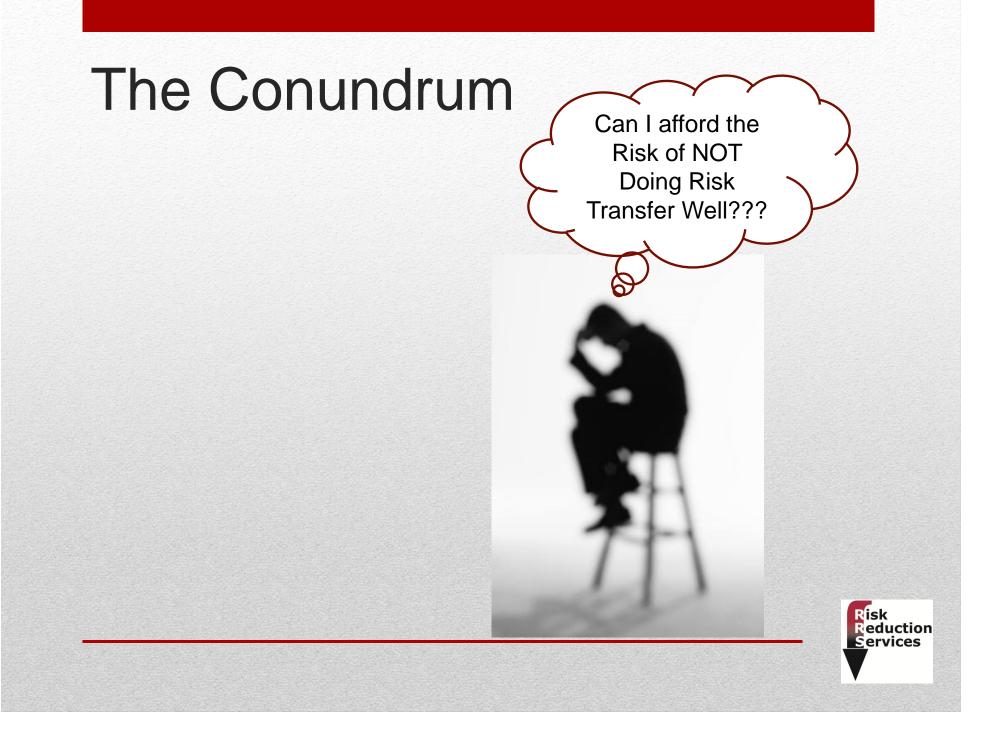
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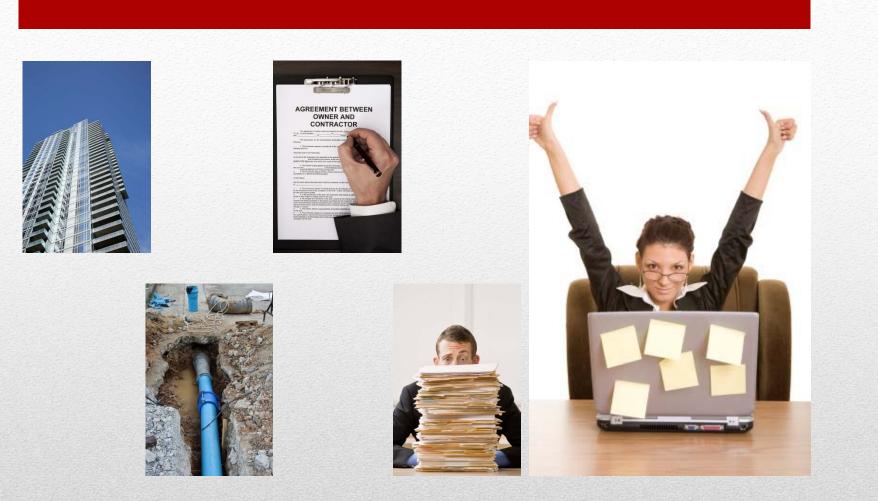
The "Risk Transfer Conundrum"

- Time
- Staffing
- Expense









#### Protect Your Property by Taking Control of Your Risk Transfer Documents



#### **Risk Transfer Forms**

Leave us your business card to receive a complementary sample risk transfer forms.

- Indemnification / Hold Harmless agreement
- Sample Certificate of Insurance.



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