



Information About World Sweeping Association's **ETHICAL PRACTICE STANDARDS FOR POWER SWEEPING CONTRACTORS**

In 2006 the editorial board of WorldSweeper.com, parent organization of World Sweeping Association, initially developed the following set of minimum standards recommended for all U.S. power sweeping contractors. If your sweeping contractor displays the logo shown to the right, it means the company subscribes – in writing – to these important rules of business. If you employ a sweeping contractor and have not seen this logo, provide them with this form and confirm their compliance with the following:



REQUIREMENT

WHY THIS REQUIREMENT IS IMPORTANT

Insurance:

Company must carry a reasonable level of liability insurance and a copy of company's Certificate of Insurance will be supplied upon request.

If the contractor doesn't carry liability coverage then the owner of the property on which an accident occurs is much more likely to be held financially liable.

Workers' Compensation Law Compliance

Workers' compensation insurance is carried on all employees and all subcontractors used are required to comply with such rules.

Some companies cut corners by not paying the workmens' compensation on their employees. Without it, there is a much greater chance that a sweeper operator who gets injured will successfully be able to sue the owner of the property for damages.

Regulations

Compliance with all local, state and federal regulations regarding both required licenses and the proper disposal of sweeping debris. Proof of proper disposal methods will be supplied to customers upon request. All required taxes are being paid, including all payroll, sale and fuel taxes.

Legitimate businesses comply with ethical business practices, including all licensing requirements. Hiring companies deserve assurance that payroll and any other taxes required are being paid. In some states, the liability for some taxes may be passed on to the client company if they are not paid by the contractor. Likewise, client companies may have liability for any of its debris not disposed of legally and properly. If property managers do not provide an onsite container to dump collected litter, they should be able to confirm that litter from their site is being disposed of legally and properly.

Employees

Employees receive training for all equipment used and we strive to provide them with safe working conditions. All state and federal laws regarding compensation are followed.

Employees who enjoy safe working conditions and who have been trained are more likely to do a good job and less likely to have accidents that result in injury to themselves or others. Also, client companies deserve assurance that all laws regarding employee compensation are being followed.

General

Business is conducted with honesty, integrity and projection of a professional image. Advertising is truthful and non-deceptive. Proposals shall be complete and accurate in describing services/products rendered.

Much of the business of power sweeping is conducted at night, when property managers are not present. Since sweeping contractors represent their client companies while onsite sweeping, it is important that the job be done professionally and honestly. Likewise, sweeping companies owe it to their industry and to their prospective clients to provide any and all company information accurately and truthfully, as well as to provide the level of services agreed upon prior to beginning work for a client.

If you have questions or comments, we invite you to call WorldSweeper.com, toll free, at 866.635.2205. Alternatively, send email to director@worldsweepingpros.org.

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