

# TRAVELERS

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## Tree Risk Management Seminar 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 University of Warwick

This one-day Seminar is being held at the University of Warwick, Humanities Lecture Theatre and will address in detail the following issues –

- **Introductions and Scene Setting** - Travelers Insurance Company Ltd and Midlands ALARM Chair.
- **Tortious Liability for Trees (Part 1)**. Covering the application and interpretation of the torts of negligence and nuisance in the context of liability for **tree root damage**. This Module will be presented by Adam Chambers, Barrister, 12 King's Bench Walk Barristers Chambers, London.
- **Tortious Liability for Trees (Part 2)**. Covering various **tree maintenance issues** that should be considered by Highways Departments, including matters such as how to deal with third parties' trees which overhang highways/parks/children's playgrounds, risks versus the 'green' benefits of tree planting etc. This Module will be presented by Peppy Marshall, Head of Local Government Group, Weightmans Solicitors.
- **Investigations and Claims Handling**. Covering roles and responsibilities of tree specialists, conducting investigations and understanding differing analytical techniques employed. Presented by Peter Osborne, Treesubs Limited, Specialist in Tree Root Claims Management.

The training will benefit those personnel given the responsibility for the management of risks relating to trees, as well as assisting in combating claims in this area.

Please note that spaces are limited and early booking/s for the Seminar is advised, particularly as this is another **Free Event** in the Midlands Region. The usual **'Open Forum'** Session will be incorporated & will address questions on this topic in its broadest sense.

**Duration:** - 09:30 (registration) to approximately 15:30. Teas/coffees and lunch are included. Bookings to be made via ALARM Midlands, **Contact** – Julie Brown; E-mail [julie\\_brown@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:julie_brown@sandwell.gov.uk)

**Book Early as high demand is anticipated for this 'climate change' related topical event.**