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September 1, 2026

INSURANCE MATTERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Fall Risk Management Training is Now Open

September marks the official start of the fall risk management training season. We have a great training season lined up. Please refer to the [Risk Management Training](#)

[section](#) of the CCAP website for information on topic descriptions, dates, times and locations.

As a reminder, most of the workshops are **FREE** to attend if your county is a member of the sponsoring Insurance Programs. To check your county's membership, please refer to the [CCAP Insurance Programs Member Listing](#).

CCAP Insurance Programs continues to collaborate with the [Academy for Excellence in County Government](#). Please refer to our website for additional information on co-sponsored events. These workshops are **FREE** for current Academy participants and some offer course credits.

For more information, contact Linda Rosito, Risk Management Training Director, at lrosito@pacounties.org.

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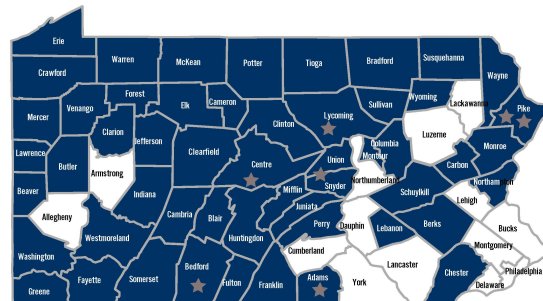
Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

Monday, November 23rd
The Hotel Hershey
6:00 PM

The Annual Membership Meeting is conveniently scheduled during the CCAP Fall Conference and affords PCoRP members the opportunity to hear important updates about the program.

Be sure your county/county-related entity is represented at this event and register below by **November 9th**.

We hope to see you there!

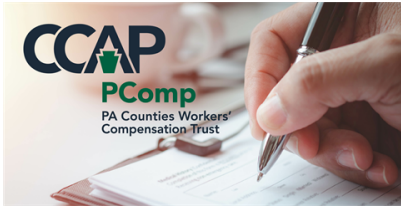


★ Locations of County Related Entity Members

[Register](#)

PComp Grant Reminder

PComp has two grant programs, the **Sallade Safety Improvement Program Grant (SSIP)** and the **Wellness Improvement Program Grant (WIP)**.



The SSIP Grant affords each PComp Member up to a maximum of \$35,000 for 2026. Members cannot receive more than 75% of their annual contribution in grant funds. This grant program supports safety committees and administrations by awarding grants to offset the costs of safety improvements to protect employees, assist workers' compensation efforts in reducing accident frequency and severity while enhancing their safety and risk management programs. PComp Members must submit their fully completed and signed grant applications by **December 1, 2026**.

The WIP Grant provides PComp members with financial support to fund programs for employees with the goal of implementing, improving and increasing wellness related activities. The grant remains at a maximum of \$5,000 per member. Wellness Improvement Grants cannot exceed 5% of the member's annual contributions to the program. Additionally, there is an added eligibility factor for 2026 whereby the member's annual contribution must be a minimum of \$1,000. PComp Members must submit their fully completed and signed grant applications by **December 1, 2026**.

For more information, contact Keith Wentz, Risk Management Director, at kwentz@pacounties.org.

The graphic features the CCAP UC Trust logo on the left, which includes the text "CCAP" in large blue letters, "UC Trust" in green, and "Unemployment Compensation Trust" in smaller black text. To the right of the logo, the title "Risk Control Incentive Program" is displayed in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, a line of text states: "Members can earn up to **5%** toward their quarterly contribution to the UC Trust for properly implementing risk control activities". At the bottom of the graphic, there is a visual representation of a staircase made of wooden blocks, with a red wooden figure standing on the top block, symbolizing progress and achievement.

CCAP UC Trust
Unemployment
Compensation Trust

Risk Control Incentive Program

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UC Trust Risk Control Incentive Program

The CCAP Unemployment Compensation Trust (UC Trust) offers the Risk Control Incentive Program to recognize the annual risk control activities conducted within each member county and county related entity. Properly implemented risk control activities, such as education, updated policies and procedures, and timely reporting, can help reduce the costs of unemployment charges before a separation even occurs. Upon satisfactory completion or implementation of qualified risk control related activities, UC Trust Members have the opportunity to earn credits, a maximum of five percent, towards their quarterly contributions to the Trust.

The [2026 UC Trust Risk Control Incentive Program Overview](#) provides a detailed summary on how to earn the credits. Please review this document thoroughly and share it with all members of your staff who work within this program. Please note, the deadline to submit your Activity Report, which verifies the completion of your risk control activities, is **Friday, September 4, 2026**.

We recommend getting an early start on the online and onsite training, so you are ahead of the September deadline. Insurance Programs is proud to offer both in-person and virtual training opportunities throughout the year, found on the [Risk Management Training page](#).

We would like to see each of our members achieve the five percent credit, so please keep the attached Program Overview as a guide for this process.

For more information, please contact Amber Baxter, Deputy Managing Director, Insurance Programs, at abaxter@pacounties.org.



Fall Grounds Maintenance Guide

As autumn approaches, county maintenance crews will be preparing for the weather transition. Being prepared ensures public safety, protects county property and its appearance.

Fall Maintenance Checklist

- Clear drainage systems. Remove leaves and debris from gutters, and downspouts.

- Check sidewalks and sitting areas for tripping hazards or cracks that will worsen during winter freeze-thaw cycles.
- Spread a fresh layer of mulch around trees and perennial beds to insulate roots from frost.
- Drain and blow out automated sprinkler systems with compressed air to prevent ruptured pipes.
- Drain, clean, and cover any decorative public fountains on the courthouse grounds.
- Order your salt/cinders for the winter
- Check all snow removal equipment to determine if repairs are needed. Check fuel system, tires, wiper blades and batteries.
- Ensure that mats are present at all entrances of County facilities.
- Prior to the weather changing, inspect County owned parking lots to determine if repairs are needed.

Maintenance Crew Personal Protective Equipment

1. High-visibility gear - Utilize bright vests.
2. Hearing protection - Cover or plug your ears during loud activities such as leaf blowing.
3. Long sleeves, tuck pants into boots - Protect against ticks by covering exposed skin, as well as with EPA-approved insect repellent when clearing brush or tall grass.
4. Check for active bee hives- Inspect overhangs, dense shrubs and ground cavities for wasp or hornet nests before starting loud machinery.
5. Heavy gloves and respiratory masks - Protect your skin and lungs when cleaning up bird, rodent or stray animal waste to prevent disease transmission.

Know Your Ticks



Blacklegged Deer Tick

- An infected blacklegged deer tick can transmit Lyme Disease
- In general, ticks need to be attached for approximately 36 to 48 hours before they can transmit the Lyme bacterium
- Symptoms of Lyme include a red rash resembling a bullseye or target, fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint pain and swollen lymph nodes
- Not all people develop these symptoms. When in doubt, seek medical attention.



American Dog Tick

- An infected American dog tick can transmit Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Signs and symptoms include fever, rash that develops 2-4 days after fever begins, headache, nausea, vomiting, muscle pain and lack of appetite
- RMSF does not often result in chronic illness, however, it can cause permanent damage including hearing loss, paralysis and/or need for amputation

To stay safe during tick season, wear long sleeves and pants when walking through grassy or wooded areas, and use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin. After being outdoors, thoroughly check your body and clothing for ticks and shower promptly to help remove any unattached ticks. If accompanied by a furry friend, be sure to check their fur thoroughly, especially in joints.

For more information, contact Jean Henry, RN, Risk Control Wellness Nurse, at jhenry@pacounties.org.



LocalGovU Training Spotlight

Basic First Aid

In the event of an emergency, would you know what to do to help yourself or someone else? Could you render potentially lifesaving assistance until first responders arrived? You never know when or where a medical emergency will occur. If a co-worker were to be injured, you could be their best chance of survival. Understanding basic first aid will help you to respond confidently and effectively to various emergencies that may occur whether at home, in the workplace, or anywhere you may be.

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