

Office of Risk Management

Risk Management advises state agencies on risk prevention and oversees claims filed. The office offers the following key programs:

- Loss prevention services.
- Self-insurance liability programs.
- Risk financing.
- Joint self-insured local government property/liability programs.
- Local government employee health and welfare benefit programs.

Risk Management was formerly a division of the Washington State Office of Financial Management.

Key program details

Risk finance

Risk Management has statutory authority to purchase commercial insurance needed by the state. The goal is to buy the best insurance possible to suit the needs of individual state agencies to better enable agencies to carry out their core mission.

Tort claims

The office is responsible for receiving claims for the state and resolving or monitoring them. On average, 4,000 claims are filed each year. Tort claims are paid from the Self-Insurance Liability Fund, which Risk Management administers.

Loss prevention

The office provides [loss prevention](#) services for state agencies, which includes talking with agencies about their safety programs and sharing [best practices](#).

Local Government Self-Insurance Program

The office is responsible for regulating and overseeing the [Local Government Self-Insurance Program](#) (cities, counties, school districts, fire districts, and qualified non-profits) for safety and solvency.

Contact

For more information about the Office of Risk Management, visit the current program website, <http://www.des.wa.gov/services/Risk/AboutRM/Pages/default.aspx>, or call (360) 407-9199.

