Subcontractor Oversight When Overflow CAT Events Force Third-Party Pack-Out Labor

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Direct Answer: Overflow CAT subcontractor oversight requires pre-deployment custody and OSHA PPE verification, prime-owned barcode and manifest control, curbside photo-gate sign-offs before third-party trucks roll, and breakage holdbacks tied to vault intake reconciliation.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

CAT Failure Mode	Why Third-Party Labor Causes It	Pre-Dispatch Contract Control	Active On-Site Supervision Gate	Vault & Payment Holdback
Broken Chain of Custody	Sub uses paper tally sheets or proprietary moving software	Mandate exclusive use of prime inventory app & barcodes	Sync tablet uploads at lunch and shift end on site	Withhold progress draw until digital manifest matches truck count
PPE & Respiratory Violations	Traveling helpers enter soot or Cat 3 sites without fit-tested gear	Require documented OSHA 1910.132/134 & HazCom compliance	Prime site lead verifies respirators & containment before entry	Immediate site stop-work right for safety non-compliance
Transit Breakage & Mold	Moving crews skip dish-pack cells or seal wet items in plastic	Attach S320 packing & breathable-wrap spec sheet to MSA	Curbside inspection of wrapped furniture and open test carton	Deduct verified handling breakage & re-pack labor via holdback
Missing Rating Plates & Photos	Sub paid flat per-box rate rushes packing without camera proof	Pay balanced line/quality rate, not unverified raw box bonus	Spot-audit 10% of daily items before truck doors close	Require unpaid return to vault to photograph unverified items
Sub-Leased Unvetted Drivers	Sub brings unscreened day labor into occupied client homes	Prohibit unauthorized sub-tier labor & require background badge	Daily morning roster & ID check at job driveway	Remove unauthorized personnel immediately; breach penalty
Unbilled / Inflated Scope Creep	Sub adds unapproved pack-out hours or extra trucks on site	Require prime PM written work order for scope expansions	Daily sign-off on crew headcount and hours at 4:30 p.m.	Audit timecards against GPS/gate logs prior to payout

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Maintain a pre-vetted CAT subcontractor file verifying bailee/cargo insurance, workers' comp, background clearances, and signed S320 packing specs.

• Confirm OSHA 1910.132/134 PPE, respirator fit/cartridges, and HazCom readiness before allowing third-party crews into soot or Category 3 structures.

• Issue prime-owned tablet logins and central barcode rolls exclusively—banning parallel paper tallies or subcontractor-owned tag numbers.

• Embed one prime QC lead per two sub crews and execute a curbside open-box, pad-wrap, and 10% photo audit before sealing departing trucks.

• Reconcile every carton barcode at warehouse intake and hold a 10–15% quality reserve until documentation QA passes cleanly.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

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• **ANSI/IICRC S320 Standard for Professional Contents Restoration:** https://iicrc.org/s320/

• **Restoration Industry Association (RIA):** https://www.restorationindustry.org/

• **OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard:**
https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132

• **OSHA 1910.134 Respiratory Protection Standard:**
https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134

• **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HazCom):** https://www.osha.gov/hazcom