

# Oregon OSHA

## OSHSPA State Plan Report June 2015

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### **I. Significant Legislative/Programmatic Changes**

#### Legislatively Mandated Rulemaking

Nothing to report.

#### Legislative Activity

The Oregon legislature funded 3 new positions in the DCBS-Oregon OSHA budget, 2 safety compliance officers and 1 safety consultant.

#### Other Rulemaking Activity

#### **Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment – in general industry, and construction.**

Oregon OSHA will propose, this summer, a set of Oregon-initiated rules addressing Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment for general industry, and construction

**Oregon Rules for Firefighters.** Oregon OSHA is currently conducting five public hearings throughout the state, for proposed changes to OAR 437-002-0182 Oregon Rules for Firefighters, in general industry. Updates will better align Oregon's firefighter safety and health rules with recognized and accepted consensus standards and industry practices. Training and education, requirements for protective ensembles, and prohibiting riding on tailboards, tail steps, or running boards, are included in the changes.

**Fall Protection.** In response to federal OSHA, Oregon OSHA will be convening an advisory group to examine our fall protection rules and trigger heights.

*All adopted and proposed rules are available at our website <http://www.orosha.org>  
- look under Rule Activity.*

## **II. New Developments/Activities/Notable Cases**

### **Activities:**

#### **Oregon OSHA cites Woodburn company for willful safety violations**

Oregon OSHA fined Fleetwood Homes Inc. \$75,800 for five violations, including one willful violation. The citation was the result of an Aug. 29, 2014, complaint inspection at the company's Woodburn plant.

The investigation found managers at the mobile home manufacturer were aware of employee exposures to falls but did not provide protection, despite concerns brought forward to managers by employees and by Oregon OSHA. The company manufactures a mobile home model with fall exposures 13 feet from the ground. Roofers had to climb over the guardrails of scaffolding onto the roof of the mobile home with no tie-off points to connect a fall protection harness. Employees brought up the issue three times with management in 2014 before a complaint was made to Oregon OSHA.

Oregon OSHA cited the business \$70,000 – the legal maximum – for the willful violation. Even after Oregon OSHA itself brought the issue to management's attention and management acknowledged the need to provide fall protection, work continued without such protection. Four serious violations were also found during the inspection. The employer allowed employees to stand on the guard rail of scaffolding. The employer failed to provide: an access ladder or other safe access to scaffolding, hard hats in an area where there was an exposure to falling objects, and inspect fall protection equipment.

#### **Oregon OSHA cites Portland bakery for willful safety violations**

Oregon OSHA fined Portland Specialty Baking LLC \$28,125 for a grouped willful violation after a worker's hand was crushed in a dough chunker machine. The citation was the result of an inspection on Oct. 7, 2014, at the Portland commercial bakery.

The worker was operating a machine that cuts dough into smaller pieces when the accident occurred. When dough became jammed in the machine, the worker placed a piece of dough over the sensor, lifted the machine guard, and reached into the running machine.

The Oregon OSHA investigation found the bakery had a history of similar injuries. On July 3, 2014, a worker received a serious laceration to his middle finger (and lost a fingernail) when he reached into the bagel dough divider to remove dough trimmings. On July 16, 2014, another employee suffered lacerations and a fractured hand after reaching into the same machine to remove trimmings. In 2008, an employee also suffered a crushed hand when reaching into the dough chunker machine.

Oregon OSHA cited the bakery for not providing adequate training to workers, many of whom were not native English speakers. Employee interviews revealed workers did not understand how to safely operate the machinery and were bypassing machine guarding.



## **GOSH 2015 had 1,700 attendees**

The 2015 Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) Conference in Portland attracted 1,700 attendees. The March 9-12 event – the largest of its kind in the Northwest – featured 225 speakers, 160 workshops and sessions, a student day involving nearly 100 high school students, an awards luncheon that honored fifteen leaders in safety and health, safety and health exhibits from more than 140 organizations and the popular Columbia Forklift Challenge. Drivers competed on an obstacle course and were judged on safety and speed. Oregon OSHA partnered with the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers to sponsor the conference.

## **Workers Memorial Day Ceremony 2015**



The annual Oregon OSHA, Workers Memorial Day ceremony was held Tuesday, April 28, at the Fallen Workers Memorial on the Salem, Capitol Mall. The ceremony included speeches by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Michael Wood and the reading of names of Oregon workers who died on the job in 2014.



## **Oregon Video Contest**

Oregon OSHA along with O [yes] and other local organizations selected the Oregon High School winners who participated in a contest designed to increase awareness about safety on the job for young people. The top three entries took home cash prizes ranging from \$300 to \$500, and students earned a matching amount for their school.

The first-place winner was awarded \$500 for his video titled “Lorenzo’s Blog” The video, told from a first-person diary perspective, depicts his struggle with finding a job and ultimately being asked to do unsafe duties.

All of the winning videos, as well as the other finalists, are available for viewing on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM75uPd4sBhw4U8dnwg5OKrKsxo0rvrLa>. To see the 2014 winning videos, go to [www.youtube.com/user/OregonSafetyHealth](http://www.youtube.com/user/OregonSafetyHealth).

## **Newsletters**

Oregon OSHA publishes three newsletters: The “Resource” (a general interest publication), the “Construction Depot” (for the construction industry) and the “Forest Activities News” (for the logging and forest industry). These are available at <http://www.orosha.org/>.



The *Health and Safety Resource* newsletter is published every two months. The most recent was June 2015. Some of the highlights in this issue are:

- Safety in the zone: How a tragedy changed a workplace
- Administrator's message: The key to our success
- Tips for preventing back-over accidents
- Safety Notes: An experienced flagger is struck in the head
- Meet the safety manager at Fortis Construction, Inc.



The *Construction Depot* newsletter is published monthly. The most recent was May 2015.

Some of the highlights in the May issue are:

- Scissor lift safety: preventing tip overs
- Fall protection: Inspect your full-body harness in four easy steps (infographic)
- New oxygen fuel gas rule, effective May 1, now applies to general industry and construction employers
- Construction Q& A: Can I use bungee cords to secure equipment?



The *Forest Activities News* is published when significant and or interesting logging/forest activities arise. The most recent was February 2015.

Some of the highlights in the issue are:

- Introducing the Forest Activities Advisory Committee
- Oregon OSHA adopts exemption to 437-007-0780 (Protective Structures for Operators)
- Oregon OSHA proposing changes to recordkeeping and reporting requirements
- OR-FACE offers resources for the logging industry
- Oregon State, Northwest Forest Worker Center receive training grants
- FAQ: Leg protection and slash cuts
- Logging accidents reported to Oregon OSHA in 2014

### **Notable Case:**

#### **Two Logging Crew Fatality Injured in Motor Vehicle Accident**

Five of the Kelley Bros, Inc. logging company employees were traveling to work in an F-150-Ford crew cab when they encountered extremely foggy conditions on a remote gravel logging road. The driver was unable to see the road and drove over an embankment. Two of the employees who were not using seat belts died during the accident. The other three surviving employees were wearing seat belts.

Oregon OSHA cited Kelley Bros, Inc. for a serious violation under OAR 437-007-0560(2)(a): For each vehicle equipped with a seat belt(s), the employer did not require all personnel to use seat belts when the vehicles were being operated: a)The employer did not enforce their seat belt requirements when the vehicles were traveling on gravel roads. Employees were allowed to remove seat belts once they left the paved road. Oregon OSHA cited Kelley Bros, Inc. \$2,100.00 for the serious violation.



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### **Recent or Upcoming Occupational Safety and Health Conferences**

Blue Mountain Occupational Safety & Health Conference  
Pendleton Convention Center  
Pendleton, Oregon  
June 1 & 2, 2015

Central Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference  
Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center  
Bend, Oregon  
September 29 & 30, 2015

Southern Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference  
Medford/Ashland, Oregon  
October 13 - 15, 2015

Western Pulp, Paper, & Forest Products Safety & Health Conference  
Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach  
Portland, Oregon  
December 1-4, 2015

Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit  
The Riverhouse Resort and Convention Center  
Bend, Oregon  
January 25 & 26, 2016

#### **Questions?**

Contact the Conference Section at (503) 378-3272  
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**III. Areas of Concern:** Nothing new to report.

**IV. Information Sought from Other State Programs:** Nothing new to report.

**V. Administrative Changes:** Nothing new to report.

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