



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division

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TO: ALL OSHA
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SUBJECT: GFCI Standard

The new rule in Division 3 (437-003-0404) requiring GFCIs for temporary power will be effective October 1, 2003. As you work with employers helping them to be in compliance there are two questions which may need clarification.

What is temporary power?

Temporary power on a construction site includes power supplied from a temporary power pole, a generator, or through extension cords plugged into the permanent building wiring.

What is meant by “The outlet end of the circuit?”

This was added to the language based on comments to the proposal. It was intended to clarify that the GFCI protection for employees could be anywhere from the temporary pole to the tool. Generally it is best for the GFCI to be as close to the tool as possible, however, that is not the intent of this language.