

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Fall Protection Stakeholder Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 4, 2015  
Minutes

**Attendees:**

Alta Schafer David Davidson Doug Rogers Gary Beck Glenn Curry Jeff Wilson Kevin Wheatcroft Marilyn Schuster	Mark Hillyard Michael Wood Mike Riffe Rich Carden Robert Miller Roger Dale-Moore Tom Bozicevic
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Self-introductions were made.

**Review the history of the events that have created the need for rulemaking:**

Michael Wood reviewed in some detail the events that lead to federal OSHA requiring State Plans to change fall protection standards.

*Subsequent information added:*

*Oregon OSHA's current requirements for fall protection in construction was approved by federal OSHA in 2005 as "at least as effective" when compared to federal OSHA standards and interim enforcement policy STD 03-00-001(Interim Fall Protection Compliance Guidelines for Residential Construction); that was replaced in 2011 with STD 03-11-002. In June of 2013, the feds notified Oregon OSHA that they had begun the process of reviewing all State Plan fall protection standards and identified Oregon's 10-foot trigger height and use of slide guards of areas of concern that necessitated change to "remain at least as effective."*

**Anticipated scope**

Are falls happening between 6 and 10 feet? Tom discussed the approximate number of accepted disabling claims in Residential Construction (NAICS 2361) in Oregon from 2008 – 2012. Of the 187 Fall to Lower Level serious injuries reviewed, we estimated that 12 total cases during this time period might have been addressed by a 6-foot trigger height.

Mike asked how this might effect fall protection in the crane industry, PPE at 10 feet, and scaffolding at 10 feet were also discussed.

Glenn asked about the fall height in heavy duty mechanics, i.e. maintenance inspections.

**Current practices:**

Slide guards are used primarily by roofers, while general contractors/framing contractors in residential construction are primarily installing permanent anchors as the fall protection system.

Dale added that he doesn't think it will affect them much. He doesn't see the use of slide guards a lot; he sees a lot of PSAF being used. He thinks it could affect siding installers and painters.

**Stakeholder participation:**

We would like to have more representation from the residential construction industry at these meetings.

Jeff encouraged committee members who have contacts in the residential construction industry to invite them to participate.

Tom has reached out to contacts who are engaged in solar panel installations.

**Phase-in period:**

David suggested that if a new rule was adopted by January 2016, to allow a 9 month phase-in period for those affected to transition away from slide guards. Stakeholders indicated they agreed with the suggestion.

**Fiscal impact:**

The need for information to determine the fiscal impact was discussed.

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting:**

September 1, 2015