

**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

Program Directive: A-264

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SUBJECT: Construction: Focused Inspections

PURPOSE: This directive establishes Oregon OSHA's policy for conducting focused construction inspections of employers that have been recognized by trade associations within the construction industry for their workplace safety and health programs.

SCOPE: This Program Directive applies to Oregon OSHA Safety Enforcement.

**REFERENCED
STANDARDS/
DIRECTIVES:** None

BACKGROUND: Oregon OSHA's goal is to use its resources wisely. This directive is an effort to focus Oregon OSHA resources on the most serious problems in construction workplaces. The approach adopted in this directive relies upon existing workplace safety and health recognition programs operated by construction industry trade associations to help us focus on the most serious issues while cutting down on time spent with review of records and written programs.

Currently, the only program that has been reviewed and accepted by Oregon OSHA is the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Oregon-Columbia Chapter Safety Program Recognition Indicating Dedication & Excellence (PRIDE) program. However, any other similar program that could show a positive impact on our safety enforcement effort would be considered.

ACTION:

A. Focused inspections will concentrate on:

1. Fall hazards
2. Electrical hazards
3. Struck-by hazards
4. Caught-in/between hazards

- B. The focused inspection program will be extended to employers identified as part of an accepted association safety and health recognition program.

If doubts or questions about an employer's status in an accepted recognition program needs to be resolved contact your supervisor or the Statewide Safety Enforcement Manager for direction.

PROCEDURE:

- A. **Comprehensive inspections:** Except for Programmed Inspections for Cause established by OAR 437-001-0057(8), if at any time during a comprehensive inspection, the employer identifies itself as a recognition program participant or provides documentation showing they are a current participant, the Compliance Officer will conduct a **focused safety inspection**.

Focused safety inspections: A focused safety inspection will include an assessment of any physical hazards related to fall protection, electrical, struck-by, and caught-in/between. Other serious hazards that are identified by the Compliance Officer during the inspection will also be addressed and cited if violations are documented. Other-Than-Serious violations identified and abated during the course of the inspection will be noted in the inspection report but will not be cited.

A focused inspection is not expected to include a review of programs that may be required unless the review of a particular program is needed based on problems found at the site. However, the employer must provide proof of an active safety committee or safety meetings.

If a significant number of serious violations are found that suggests systemic problems with the employer's implementation of workplace safety and health programs, the Compliance Officer will discontinue the focused inspection and contact the Field Office Enforcement Manager to determine if a comprehensive inspection should be conducted. If this occurs, the appropriate trade association will be notified that the scope of the inspection was expanded.

- B. **Programmed Inspections for Cause, complaints, referrals, accident or fatality inspections:** During Programmed Inspections for Cause, complaint, referral, accident or fatality inspections, the Compliance Officer will inspect the worksite and its programs as necessary to address all issues or situations needed to satisfy any hazards or alleged hazards.

- C. **Emphasis inspections:** Emphasis inspections will not be impacted by recognition program participation.

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EVALUATION: This program may be terminated by Oregon OSHA at any time if it is deemed ineffective or conditions for participation in the program change.

OTIS CODING: Inspections conducted under this program will be coded in the Related/Optional tab within OTIS as “S 19 FOCUSED.”

EFFECTIVE

DATE: This directive is effective upon release and will remain in effect until canceled or suspended.

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