

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Dennis Cox	Mary Lou Wilson
Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Matt Kaiser
Andy Haymart	Eric Fullan	Michael Wood
Anna Kelly	Holt Andron	Nathan Taylor
Barb Epstien	Jacon Tijerina	Nevin Mclain
Barbra Hanley	Jeff Hooper	Paul Magrone
Barry Moreland	Jeff Wilson	Phil Wentz
Bill Haskins	Jim Anderson	Rhett Beecher
Braxton Chambers	Joaquin Diaz	Robert Miller
Bryan Ortiz	Julie Love	Robirda Lee
Bryon Snapp	Kailyn Tacy	Roy Shwago
Chris Grover	Kimberly Gamble	Ryan Leffel
Dale Lindstrom	Laird Blanchard	Soren Bjerregaard
David Davidson	Lane Ellison	Stephen Heaven
Dave McLaughlin	Lisa Pickert	Steve Huson
Dede Montgomery	Lisa Wisler	Steve Rovira
Dennis Barlow	Lynn Craig	Tosha Gilpin
Denis Bonin	Mark Tobiasson	

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The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

The June meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

Newer reach forklifts are being stored in the air like boom lifts. Have the rules been changed to allow this? –Jeff Wilson will look into this and report back to the committee.

Cintas sells fogless safety glasses that a company has been field testing and they work really well. The contact information was shared.

Another member shared another brand, [Honeywell UVEX](#), that works well.

**Continuing Business:**

**Status of Rule Making:**

Most rulemaking has been put on hold do to the COVID-19 outbreak. Oregon OSHA is currently recruiting for a rules coordinator.

[Employer Knowledge](#) and [Penalty Updates](#)-

These have been re-proposed for later dates. The public hearings have been moved to September 2020.

### Infectious Disease Rule Making:

Oregon OSHA is in the process of creating an emergency temporary rule and a permanent rule on Infectious Diseases. [Matt Kaiser](#) is the contact person for this rule. It is on a faster timeline than most rulemaking. We will be holding forums with the various industries for input.

### Standards Improvement Process:

Oregon OSHA is working on the next standards improvement process. This is a continuation of federal OSHA's Standards Improvement Project, which continues their series of rulemakings to improve and streamline workplace safety and health standards. This removes or revises rules or requirements within our corresponding rules that are outdated, duplicative, or inconsistent. This rulemaking is anticipated to reduce regulatory burden and compliance costs while maintaining or enhancing worker safety and health as well as worker privacy protections. [Gary Robertson](#) is the contact person.

## Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

*The following is preliminary information as reported at the time of the accident intake.*

### Accidents

1. June 17<sup>th</sup> Corvallis

The accident occurred at a Recreation Center. A maintenance worker heard a beeping sound in the ceiling of the first floor hallway, outside of the men's restroom 114. The employee used a ladder to access the ceiling. He removed a ceiling tile then reached into the ceiling and contacted something electrical (possibly junction box or light ballast) then fell off the ladder approximately nine feet onto the concrete floor below. The employee landed on his back. Emergency services were called and the employee was transported to the hospital via ambulance. The employee was admitted to the hospital and the extent of his injuries are unknown.

2. June 13<sup>th</sup> The Dalles

An employee was climbing a fixed ladder. The employee reported that he missed a rung and fell to the floor. The employee is reported to have broken his left ankle and had 4 seizures prior to the ambulance arriving. The employer reported the employee did not strike his head and the seizures were a result of the pain the employee was experiencing, not due to striking his head on the floor.

3. June 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimer

The employee was building a new road, when the bulldozer high centered on a stump. This caused the bulldozer to roll on its side. The employee was sent on a life flight to the hospital, where he was released shortly after with no severe injuries only bruises. The employee returned to work on 6/24/2020.

4. June 13<sup>th</sup> Dillard

An employee was standing on the second rung of a step ladder, replacing a rocker arm on a shaker conveyor, and fell onto the conveyor 2 to 3 feet below resulting in broken ribs.

5. June 1<sup>st</sup> Roseburg

The employee was cutting a piece of trim when he looked away and cut off the tip of two fingers and minor cut of a 3rd middle fingers of the left hand. He was taken to urgent care, but because the cut was deep, he was sent to the hospital. He was treated and released after three hours.

6. June 22<sup>nd</sup> Rainier

Employee was walking on the side of the road, when he was struck and ran over by dump truck/asphalt paver truck. Employee was transported to St. Joseph's in Longview first, then transferred to Vancouver (Peace Health South West Medical Center). Employee is in unstable condition with surgeries pending to install plates in his pelvis.

7. June 19<sup>th</sup> PDX

An employee was up working on a ladder removing siding when the ladder slid out from under him. The injured employee fell approximately 12 feet. to asphalt below resulting in a head injury.

8. June 12<sup>th</sup> Hillsboro

While installing coil springs under a 72,000lbs. screen, the rigging chain broke that was elevating the screen. Two employees were in an aerial man lift installing the coil springs. When the rigging broke, the screen fell on to the coils compressing them. The coil that the employees were working on was not completely set into position and ejected towards the employees, striking one employee in the upper chest and jaw area of his face. The employee that was struck was then pushed into the other employee from the force of the impact. The second employee received a laceration to his left index finger.

9. June 6<sup>th</sup> Oregon City

The employee was coming down from a ladder as she fell resulting in a back injury.

10. June 17<sup>th</sup> PDX

Employee was changing a bolt on a scissor lift. During the maintenance the employee manually moved the steering tire and in the process crushed his index finger on the left hand. The finger was crushed between the tire and bolt head. The resulting injury led the medical care doctors to amputate the finger. The employee was released from the hospital on 6/17/20.

11. June 15<sup>th</sup> Lake Oswego

Employee was carrying a 24 foot aluminum extension ladder around the house, slipped and fell down an approximate 30 foot embankment breaking his pelvis. Injured employee is in hospital awaiting surgery.

12. June 10<sup>th</sup> Tualatin

Two employees were hanging iron cantilevered off of a sheer clip bolt calculated at approximately 30,000 lbs. The second story roof where the employees were working collapsed. The two employees were transported to OHSU via ambulance.

## **Fatalities**

1. June 11<sup>th</sup> Woodburn

Victim fell ill and was taken to the hospital by an employer representative where she later passed. 34 year old female

2. June 26<sup>th</sup> Boring

Employee was found unresponsive when another employee went to relieve him for his lunch break. At the time of being reported the employee was being attended to by EMTs and was still unresponsive. 66 year old male.

3. June 24<sup>th</sup> Fresno Ca

The (victim) employee had climbed the water tower on campus in street clothes (had not donned their commercial diving gear yet) and reached the platform with another employee (witness). A third employee remained on the ground below (crew compliment of three). The victim collapsed and became unresponsive. EMS was activated, rescued the victim, and transported them to the hospital. The victim later expired at the hospital, likely due to (a) heart event. No Jurisdiction. 27 year old male.

4. June 16<sup>th</sup> White City

The victim (temporary employee) was on their scheduled am break at the south parking lot. The victim collapsed and this was witnessed by two (2) temporary employees. As the victim was made comfortable, EMS was activated. The ambulance transported the victim to Rogue Regional Medical Center (RRMC), it is/was unclear if they made it there. The victim's son / grandson called the host employer late in the am to report the victim's death. Per employer death due unrelated medical event. 52 year old male.

5. June 16<sup>th</sup> Eugene

The victim was found by a yardman, deceased on the ground, near his logging truck at Seneca Sawmill where he had come to drop off a load of logs. 66 year old male.

6. June 15<sup>th</sup> Hermiston

Driver team stopped at truck stop, #1 driver was in sleeper (he is the independent contractor/employer of driver #2). When driver #1 woke-up, he found that driver #2 was positioned as if napping over the steering wheel. Driver #1 checked driver #2 and found them to be unresponsive. Driver #1 then called 911. Driver #2 never revived. 50 year old female

### **Anonymous Questions:**

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Mark Tobiasson or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.

1. "The general industry trigger height for fall protection is 4'. The construction industry trigger height is 6'. If a construction project is started on a property that has a 5 foot retaining wall that is secondary to the work being completed is there a requirement for fall protection. If constructing a 5 foot retaining wall on a construction site is part of the scope of work, once the wall is completed and becomes secondary to the work being completed, is fall protection required for the rest of the project."

Answer: From Bryon Snapp. We will look at as each scenario individually on a case by case basis. There are unique circumstances based on the work being done.

2. SDS Related Question:

- A. Can a google search be used in an emergency on a job site?

Answer: No. You have to have it readily available on site.

- B. Can a google search be used as a sole source without any paper ones?

Answer: No. You have to have it readily available on site.

C. Does the SDS need to be at the job site or can they be stored at the office and employees call in the event of an emergence?

Answer: It depends. What are the business hours and working hours. Where is the office located in relation to the location of the job site. Are the phone line down. How are you going to get the information necessary to the EMT's if they need it in an emergency.

D. Of host employer has SDS for the same product do we need our own if we are a different company?

Answer: You must ensure that it is available on site, that all employees know where to find it, and that it is the same product that you are using.

<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHARules/interps/si-2020-01.pdf>

E. How often do I need to update my SDS book.

Answer: It is an ongoing process. When the SDS is revised, or when you bring in something new. Stay on top of your inventory you carry.

F. Is a 30 year eliminated book still ok time store now unused SDS sheets in?"

Answer: When you stop using a product you need to retain the SDS for 30 years. You can just keep an updated list and the dates that you archived the product.

The important thing is that the employees have access to them.

A company shared that they are using QR codes to scan to access the SDS.

### **Round table:**

There is a video discussing face coverings and the person used a gas meter showing unhealthy air, a reduction in oxygen and an increase in carbon dioxide.

Bryon Snapp explained how your respiratory system works and the air dissipates around you. There is a very small amount of air that is trapped in your airway, but you dilute it when you inhale. There is no hazard being created. That occurs when you are not wearing anything on your face.

AGC:

AGC received the Susan Harwood grant for Crane Hazards in Construction. Their day long training at Great Wolf Lodge in Washington on Crane Management Training, was postponed and they are now looking at holding it November 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Oregon OSHA is always looking for people to highlight in our Resource publication. If you have you would like to nominate, please contact [Renée Stapleton](#).

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Mark Tobiasson](#) know.

### **Next Meeting:**

August 4, 2020  
Zoom Meeting