

**Oregon OSHA  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

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Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar	Hailey Latherow	Mary Lou Wilson
Alta Schafer	Holt Andron	Matt Kaiser
Andrew Johnson	Ilene Ferrell	Mike Brunenkant
Andy Kavanaugh	Jake Errico	Mike Jacobs
Angelica Valdivieso	Jason Dunton	Nathan Taylor
Annmarie Earl	Jeff Hooper	Oriana Davis
Antonio Gonzales	Jeff Wilson	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Bash Mumuni	Jennifer Carter	Rick McMurry
Brandy Cannon	Jeremy Lawson	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Joaquin Diaz	Roy Shawgo
Carlhal	Joe Mullens	Sean Tinker
Chris Dahl	John Frank	Stephanie Baird
Cindy Booker	John Mastro Monaco	Stephen Heaven
Craig Ley	Josh Schwabauer	Steve Barrett
Craig Tweedy	Julie Love	Steve Huson
Dannielle Horgan	Justin Scott	Tammi Stevens
Darren Dikeman	Laird Blanchard	Ted Bunch
David Smiley	Maggie Gerlicher	Thomas Price
Demetra Star	Marc Diaz	Tim Moore
Eric Fullan	Mark Brandt	Troy Stroud
Greig Lowell	Mark Spring	Ursula Lande

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The meeting was called to order by Rick McMurry.

Thank you all for joining the hybrid meeting. Introductions of people in person were made.

**Previous Meeting Minutes.**

The May meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

Lines for Life offer a free training on [suicide prevention](#). It is a good training and there are helpful tips throughout. They have a focus for the construction industry.

The group had a discussion on toilets in construction sites.

A company said that not having flushable toilets is citable. They looked at the difference between chemical toilet and a flushable toilet and saw that it was from what seemed like the 1980s. Maybe this rule needs to be revisited?

Renee: It is in statute and not a rule, and it predates the 1980s. Oregon OSHA tried to update it a few years ago and it did not get far through the legislature.

[ORS 654.150](#)

[OAR 437-003-0020](#) page 13 of the rule:

In addition to and not in lieu of any provisions in 26 CFR 1926.51(c):

(1) At the site of every project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more, the employer or owner of such place of employment shall provide flush toilet facilities in accordance with

subparagraph (1) of 29 CFR 1926.51(c) and washing facilities which include wash basins, warm water and soap.

### **OSHA Spotlight: Heat Emphasis**

Ted Bunch: Overview on the Heat Emphasis program and showed on the [Oregon OSHA web page](#) where to find resources.

**Oregon OSHA's Heat Emphasis Program** - From June 15 through September 30 of each year, CSHOs are expected to review employers' plans to address heat exposure and prevent heat-related illnesses at outdoor worksites and indoor facilities where potential heat-related hazards exist.

### **Status of Rulemaking:**

AQI fact sheet has been updated. EPA updated their AQI numbers, Oregon OSHA is not changing the exposure levels.

[Oregon Standards Improvement Process](#): public hearing on 6/20/24. This is minor changes in punctuation, spelling, and aligning numbers.

[HAZCOM](#) is being looked at. There is a meeting on 6/27/24.

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[Lead](#) rules- meeting next week, hoping to have a proposal by end of June. Looking at bringing down leads. Linda Pressnell: [Linda.S.Pressnell@dcbs.oregon.gov](mailto:Linda.S.Pressnell@dcbs.oregon.gov)

[Fed OSHA- Emergency Responders](#). Public Comment period pushed out to July 22, 2024.

### **Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:**

If there is an accident or fatality incident that you would like more information on let Nathan and Jeff know so we can track it and can discuss once the case is able to be discussed.

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

### **Accidents**

1. An employee was unloading bathtubs and showers from his truck, and as he turned to maneuver a piece for the forklift to grab, stepped/fell off the back of his truck and struck the ground below, resulting in serious injuries.
2. There was an employee who was working on scaffold. They were about 4 feet off ground when they lost balance and fell, sustaining injuries.
3. Worker was dismounting scaffolding and sweatshirt snagged on one of the top posts causing him to fall backwards resulting in a serious injury from the 3-4 feet height fall.
4. Employee was using a trolley car that spans a river near the job site to move from one side of the river to the other. The employee sustained a serious "pinched" injury from the cable system of the trolley car.
5. While demonstrating how to properly use and adjust a wheelchair the employee sustained a minor cut from a sharp surface on the chair. The injury went unnoticed

- by the employee at the time of the incident. The injury later resulted in complications requiring treatment.
6. Employee was standing at store entrance greeting customers. He complained of chest pain. Over the radio he asked for someone to call him an ambulance. The employee was treated for a condition that would seemingly be unrelated to the symptoms he was experiencing.
  7. An employee was coming out of a patient's room, turned around the corner, and tripped over a garbage can and fell, resulting in a serious injury.
  8. The employee was cleaning an airless paint sprayer that had become clogged with primer. The employee shot a plug of primer into their skin. The employee sent a photo of the injury to their supervisor and the supervisor thought it looked like the employee had been pinched. The employee attempted to go to a clinic for treatment, but the clinic was closed. The employee went to a clinic later. The clinic sent the employee to a hospital for treatment.
  9. A maintenance tech was tasked with performing maintenance on a boiler, specifically to drain the tank. The employee allegedly tripped and fell into the valve while in close proximity to the boiler and inadvertently opened the valve releasing the hot liquid (water) and causing serious burns.
  10. Employee suffered from a serious heat related injury.
  11. An employee was working alone and was tasked with placing a monument at a cemetery using a knuckle boom on the truck. When placing the monument to be lifted from the truck, The monument tipped over resulting in a serious injury (pinching)
  12. Construction activities were in process. The local utility has been regularly assisting with power locates at the site. The local utility was out recently to assess a cabinet which requires removal (it impeded future landscaping) and was locked. After a locate the box was left open it was communicated that the box was not live. Two employees attempted to remove the box, where at least one of the employees used a Sawzall to cut through wires. Power was live to the box during this task, at least one employee was thrown back, both employees were shocked, and a fire resulted.
  13. A worker got a body part pinched between a fork and a dumpster resulting in serious injuries.
  14. An employee suffered from a heat-related injury.
  15. A worker was taking a ladder away from a building. It was the end of the workday. As the worker was taking down the ladder, he lost his balance and struck something. Heat may have caused or contributed to the loss of balance.
  16. Employee was pull-starting a gas generator when he struck his elbow on a steel beam and experienced pain. The pain overwhelmed the employee and he fell face forward onto the deck resulting in various serious injuries by striking the deck.
  17. The crew were in the process of changing roads on a TMY 50 yarder. The unit was a slack line unit. The crew hooked the haywire to the haulback and also put in

- shackle in the eye of the haulback. While pulling the haulback out, the hooktender stopped all lines when the eye of the haulback reached the corner block. The yarder engineer stopped all lines. As the injured employee was walking over to the corner block, it appeared the haulback might have been hung up, and when it cleared caused the lines to move, resulting in the injured worker being struck by the corner block, resulting in serious injuries.
18. Three firefighters responding to a house fire were exposed to flashover resulting in burn injuries. Two firefighters were treated and released without hospital admission. One firefighter was admitted to hospital.
  19. Two employees in a company vehicle were involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle. One employee released from emergency department same day. Second employee admitted to hospital for treatment.
  20. An employee went to a medical facility for persistent pain where an additional medical issue was contracted. Unknown when or how the original condition was created.
  21. An employee was installing solar panel racks on a 25ft tall metal pole building. It was raining and the metal roof became slick, the employee lost his footing falling on to his side, then slid down the roof and fell 17 feet into a ditch below. 911 called. The employee was not using fall protection equipment. The employee sustained serious injuries.
  22. The employee was working with a pressure washer. as he tried to change the tip off, he received laceration resulting serious injuries.
  23. An employee had a fall to the same level and had an approximately three feet long, six-inch diameter steel pipe fall and strike him resulting in serious injuries.
  24. Employee stepped up onto a "low boy trailer" used to haul equipment and was standing in hydraulic fluid that was spilled on the trailer deck. When the employee went to move, he slipped and twisted resulting in serious injuries
  25. Employee was mopping the floor in the lower bay when he stepped on a vacuum hose slipped and fell, resulting in serious injuries.
  26. Employee reached in to unjam a board from a optimizer-saw resulting in serious injuries.
  27. Employee suffered from a personal medical event.
  28. Employee was driving a delivery box truck when he clipped another vehicle. It was discovered that the employee suffered from a personal medical event prior to or after the MVA.
  29. Employee appeared to be engaging in horseplay and trying to shut off the estop, which would shut off the forklift. The employee walked up to the left side of the forklift and attempted to turn off the estop on the right side with a stick. The forklift backed up over the injured employee's right foot. Emergency services was summoned and transported the employee to the Hospital.

30. EE was cutting foam on the bandsaw in the packaging area, resulting in serious injuries.
31. Worker was riding in a pickup truck and fell off due to the tailgate dropping resulting in serious injuries.
32. An employee suffered from a personal medical event.
33. An employee was involved in a minor MVA. It appears the employee may have had a personal medical event prior to or after the MVA.

### **Fatalities**

1. Employee struck by forklift operated by another employee. 32-year-old female.
2. A series of 4 trees were felled. No issues with the first 2 trees. Tree 3 strikes tree 5. Tree 4 was felled and the area was cleared with no issue. When a swamper went to retrieve and clean up debris, the top of tree 5 came down on him, resulting in fatal injuries. 46-year-old male

### **Anonymous Questions:**

*If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Rick McMurry, or Dale Lindstrom know and they will bring it up for you.*

Nothing shared this month

### **Round table:**

CSS: Renee Stapleton will be giving the OSHA Update at Lake Oswego SAIF building.

AGC: silica training 6/20 at AGC in Wilsonville. It is a hybrid meeting.

Oregon OSHA is embarking on its 5-year strategic plan and we are getting together with our staff now, and we are going to have advisory committee listening sessions and that info will be going out soon to get your input.

[Consultation](#) is fully staffed, and if you would like to have a consultation, you can contact us at our main office (503) 378-3272 and they will direct you to your closest field office.

A question was asked: Will OSHA cite you if the chin strap isn't clipped on a helmet, as the manufactures on most say it needs to be?

Answer: If you want it to work it needs to be clipped. We haven't looked at this fully yet.

[US Department of Labor Head Protection: Safety Helmets in the Workplace](#)

Meeting adjourned.

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

### **Next Meeting:**

July 9, 2024