

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee-Lennar	Dan Herb	Laird Blanchard
Alta Schafer	Darren Dikeman	Mars Garcida
Amanda Davies	David Davidson	Mary Lou Wilson
Amber	David Smiley	Matt Kaiser
Angelica V	David Terry	Mike Jacobs
Annmarie Earl	Eden Berestoff	Nathan Taylor
Antonio Gonzales	Eric Bongen	Oriana Davis
Barbara Hanley	Eric Elkins	Phillip Wade
Barbra Anderson	Greig Lowell	Rick McMurry
Barry Moreland	Hailey Latherow	Roberto Aguilar
Bash Mumuni	Jake Errico	Roy Shawgo
Brett Warming	Jason Dunton	Russ Goodwin
Bryan Davis	Jeff Hooper	Ryan Leffel
Bryan Ortiz	Jennifer Carter	Shane
Bryon Snapp	Jennifer Stewart	Skyler Lanham
Caleb Harris	Jeremy Lawson	Stacy Terway
Chris W	Jim Mahar	Stephen Cannon
Cindy Booker	Joe Forest	Steve Barrett
Connie Graybeal	John Frank	Steve Huson
Courtney Brose	John Mastromonaco	Tammi Stevens
Craig Tweedy	Kyan Bartel	
Dale Lindstrom	Kyle Sutton	

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 January meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

One company set up meetings with different companies on different days and asked if they had a Management System in place and does it work. It was really insightful to listen to the answers that were received.

Nathan shared that Holt Andron will be taking over the Safety PRIDE award for AGC.

Group Discussion:

One person shared they have seen a couple times fall protection PPE used in scissor lifts: what is the standard, is this becoming a best practice to use PPE in them?

Bryon shared that scissor lifts have their own code in Divion 3, Subdivision L, which is a specific Oregon initiated code (OAR 437-003-0074): follow all operating and maintenance instructions and recommendation of the manufacture.

The entrance to the platform needs to be closed up with the top rail and midrail chain or close the gate, or you do you have a fall violation.

Fall protection in the form of personal fall arrest or fall restraint is not required if there is a complete guard rail system in place on a scissor lift.

The group had an in-depth discussion on boom lifts and scissor lifts.

The General Contactor may require the additional use of a personal fall arrest system. There are some scissor lift manufactures that say you cannot use to access higher levels, meaning you can't climb out onto a roof. So pay close attention to your equipment's manufacturer guidelines.

You can reach out to Oregon OSHA if there are situations where you think you may not be able to follow the rules.

Someone asked: There are General Contactors that mandate a system be used in a scissor lift or they don't do the work for their project. Can OSHA put pressure on GC's to evaluate their policy's on PPE in scissor lifts? The GC's will also say that the developer is requiring them based on a risk assessment from their risk management group.

A suggestion was made by the group to reach out to the scissor lift manufacture to get a written statement from them to give to GC and developer.

Bryon added if the GC goes above and beyond what Oregon OSHA requires, we can't issue a citation because they, the company, is not meeting the GC's requirements, if the employer is meeting the minimum Oregon OSHA requirements for fall protection in a scissor lift which is the installed guardrail system scissor lifts.

Another question was asked on ladders:

Has there been a reduction in the number of ladder related accidents with the lean safe ladders on the market?

The group have seen less incidents regarding ladders, but answer is not fully known.

Rule Updates:

Oregon OSHA adopted new rules for [Agriculture Labor Housing and Related Facilities](#).

There are new guidelines for who needs to register. And there are new requirements that go into effect March 31, 2025, then additional phased in requirements for January 1, 2026,

2027 and 2028. If you have any questions you can contact [Sarah Rew](#), or Oregon OSHA Consultation.

Federal OSHA made updates to the [Hazard Communication rule](#); We had proposed the updates to be at least as effective as them, but half way through our process Federal OSHA sent out a new update. We have put the process on pause because they announced another update will be coming out soon. Once that update is released we will review and will continue with the process. If you have any questions you can contact [Jennifer Stewart](#).

The [Permissible Exposure Limits for Lead](#) is currently meeting and being worked on. If you are interested in participating you can reach out to Linda Pressnell, linda.s.pressnell@dcbs.oregon.gov

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

If there is an accident or a fatal incident that you would like more information on let Jennifer Stewart or Alta Schafer 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. January 1, Tillamook
Employee was traveling between work locations and was in a head on collision.
2. January 3, Portland
Employee experienced a medical event at work and asked coworkers to call 911. Employee was taken to hospital by ambulance.
3. January 6, Bend
Employee experienced a medical event at work. The employee was transported the hospital. The employee was admitted and released later that day.
4. January 7, Brookings
The employee was working on a machine and turned it off to clear a blockage in the feeding mechanism. The employee did not verify that the power had been resolved. When the employee put their hand on the machine, it was still spinning and caught the left fingertips of their middle and ring fingers. The employee was transported to the hospital.
5. January 8, Eugene
As a driver pulled through the oil change bay, the vehicle accelerated and struck the site employee. The site employee was on the hood of the vehicle and fell off of the vehicle on the road.
6. January 8, Portland

Customer was unloading a forklift and couldn't get the forklift to move. The employee offered to help and stated that the brake for the forklift was still engaged. Driver released the break, the forklift was still in gear, the forklift drove over the employee.

7. January 10, Newberg

Employee was working on imaging equipment. The employee's left hand and pinky were pinched between the detector and mount and it resulted in a partial amputation of left little finger. Employee was treated in the emergency room.

8. January 11, Boardman

During the process to remove a product blocking operations, the supervisor (employee) was turning off the equipment, a warehouse employee (third party employer) stuck their right hand into the machine before the machine was stopped, resulting in the employee's pointer finger and middle finger being amputated by strip slicer knives. A supervisor (employee) contacted emergency services while other employees assisted the injured employee. The injured employee was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Employer representative stated warehouse employees (third party employer) are not allowed to do lockout/tagout, or are trained in procedures.

9. January 14, Salem

An employee was on a baker scaffold that was adjusted to 5 feet, 8 inches. While standing on the baker scaffold, the employee tried to move the baker scaffolding. One of the casters on the baker scaffold went off a 16 inch curb and tipped over. Emergency services were called. The employee was transported to the hospital.

10. January 7, Portland

The employee was helping a patient roll over during an exam and heard a "pop" in their right hand. The employee finished their shift and woke up the next day in pain. The employee went to the hospital.

11. January 15, Medford

Employee tripped over an area rug, fell and could not get up. The employee was transported via ambulance to hospital.

12. January 17, Newport

Employee was stacking material and using tool to seal container lids. The tool slipped out of the employee's hand and hit the employee in the eye. Another employee transported the injured employee to the local emergency room. The employee was then transferred to another hospital.

13. January 17, Selma

Employees were loading a power pole onto a truck with a digger derek. An employee lost their grip on the lead line causing the pole to slip and strike the employee on the right side of their body. EMS was called, employee was transported to the hospital.

14. January 17, Clackamas

Employee was walking and slipped on concrete floor. Injured employee was transported to hospital by ambulance.

15. January 22, Corvallis

An employee was struck by falling debris and knocked unconscious while working in a trench. EMS was called and the employee was extracted from the trench box by the fire department. After the extraction, a second employee lost consciousness and experienced a personal medical event. Both employees were transported to the hospital.

16. January 15, Salem

Employee was dropping off their new employee paperwork to the corporate office. After dropping off the paperwork the employee went out the front door and took a shortcut across some rocks. The employee fell on the rocks and broke their leg. Employee was driven to hospital in company car.

17. January 22, White City

Employee made contact with a weinig molder saw and 4th finger on left hand was amputated to the first knuckle.

18. January 21, Hood River

Employee was pruning a pear tree from an orchard ladder. While standing on the sixth rung of the ladder, the employee fell off of the ladder onto the ground, striking their head. A supervisor found the employee and reported that they were acting very confused. The supervisor then drove the employee to the hospital

19. January 23, Eugene

Employee got their sleeve caught in a lathe. Employee was brought to the hospital for observation.

20. January 20, Turner

The employee attempted to get some lumber unstuck with a pry bar and mashed their (left) pinkie finger. The employee was transported to the hospital. Received a partial amputation of the finger.

21. January 21, Cascade Locks

An employee operated a vehicle with the door open and without putting on a safety belt. The employee accidently hit the gas instead of the break which caused them to

strike a dumpster. The employee put the vehicle in reverse accidentally which caused them to be ejected, and ran over by the vehicle.

22. January 27, Philomath

Employee was climbing power pole with work equipment, equipment came in contact with energized bracket (estimated 12KV). Employee was transported to hospital.

23. January 29, Woodburn

Employee was working on the production line packaging and collapsed. Emergency personal were called. Employee was admitted to the hospital.

24. January 29, Tigard

Employee was attempting to enter a door to access the timeclock when they saw another employee coming out. The employee backed up and tripped over a display. The employee went home after the fall and had a family member take them to the hospital. Employer was not made aware by the employee until 1/29/2025.

25. January 29, Woodburn

Employee was operating a mill and their gloved left hand was caught by/ caught between the bit of the mill, and received an amputation or avulsion of the left thumb. Employee was taken by paramedics/EMTs to the hospital.

26. January 30, Springfield

Employee was loading log truck trailer back on to their truck using a trailer loader. When the employee reached up to disengage the hook system from the trailer they pushed the down button on the pendant remote. it actually traveled up pinching the employees middle finger on their right hand between the block and the hook. When the employees finger released they used their right hand to lower the hook to get their left hand out. In the process of removing their left hand they smashed their right thumb.

27. January 28, Joseph

Employee was using a drill press and wearing gloves. The employee used their left hand to wipe away debris from the table. The drill bit caught their left thumb and degloved their thumb (avulsion). 911 was called and the injured employee was taken to the hospital and then life-flighted to OHSU.

Fatalities –

1. January 25, Riddle

Employee arrived to work and became ill. Supervisor responded and called 9-1-1. Ambulance transported the employee to the hospital. They were released from hospital the same day. The employee passed away sometime overnight at home.

2. January 21, Salem
A facility guard observed the driver sliding the tandems on the trailer when the driver collapsed. Preliminary cause was personal medical event.
3. January 21, Phoenix
Employee was changing a tractor trailer tire at about 8:30 PM. The trailer crushed the employee.
4. January 16, Glendale
The yarder operator brought in a turn of logs. Once the turn of logs was on the ground, the employee/chaser went in to unhook the chokers. As the employee/chaser was working on the last choker in the turn, the dangle head operator swung around to grab a log in the turn. The operator picked the log up and in the process struck the employee.
5. January 13, Portland
Employee collapsed, 911 was called and employees on-site began using an AED. Emergency services arrived on-site and transported the employee to the hospital.
6. January 8, Forest Grove
Employee was discovered in restroom unresponsive. 911 was called, CPR was performed by the coworkers and the employee was transported to the hospital.
7. January 1, North Powder
Three commercial trucks were involved in a motor vehicle crash on I-84 near mile marker 279.

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.

Two questions were asked that will be addressed in the March meeting.

Round table:

GOSH is coming up: March 3rd – 6th

Oregon OSHA Consultation is presenting at the CSS. 4th Tuesday of the month at the SAIF building in Lake Oswego.

Suggested: Competent person in Spanish training – AGC has a live in person training coming up that will be presented in Spanish. [April 21-23, 2025](#)

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:

March 11, 2025

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