

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Council
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Greig Lowell	Mike Brunenkant
Amanda Davies	Hailey Sorenson	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Annmarie Earl	Holt Andron	Phillip Wade
Antonio Gonzales	Ilona Hyett	R. Martindale
Brian Jensen	Jamey Goodman	Randee Prottzman
Brett Warming	Jennifer Stewart	Rick McMurry
Bryon Snapp	Jeremy Lawson	Robbert Henderson
Chris Dahl	Jeremy Parsons	Roy Shawgo
Collin Wrede	Jim Hill	Scott Brawner
Connie Graybeal	Joaquin Diaz	Sean Tinker
Craig Tweedy	Joe Mullens	Shane Tercek
Dale Lindstrom	John Frank	Stephanie Baird
David Davidson	Josh Schwabauer	Steve Barrett
David Rekdahl	Kyan Bartel	Steve Huson
David Smiley	Laird Blanchard	Thomas Price
Doug Biron	Mark Spring	Travis Stone
Eric Bongen	Mary Lou Wilson	
Eric Elkins	Michael Townsley	

The meeting was called to order by Dale Lindstrom.

Thank you all for joining the hybrid meeting.

Please make sure if you are joining the meeting virtually that you have your first and last name, along with your company. If there is no name listed, you will be removed from the meeting for security purposes.

Introductions of people in person were made.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

Companies are getting the supplies ahead of time and getting the word out about working in the heat.

OSHA Discussion:

Greig Lowell discussed the [Challenge Program](#). [Challenge Program Presentation](#). Challenge participants, through a series of consultations over the course of one year, will work with Oregon OSHA Consultation to find and correct hazards, develop and implement effective safety and health systems, and progress toward becoming self-reliant in managing their workplace safety and health.

Employers will be provided a one year deferral from scheduled Oregon OSHA enforcement inspections while they are working with consultation during their Challenge year. If there are companies who are interested, please contact Oregon OSHA Consultation consult.web@dcbs.oregon.gov.

Rule Updates:

Oregon OSHA is currently working on the [Lead rulemaking](#). The Hazard Communication Rulemaking is still on hold.

[Federal OSHA Heat rulemaking has public comments open](#). Oregon OSHA will review our rule if they pass theirs to see if it is at least as effective as.

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 –

41 Accidents – 4 construction, 31 general industry, 4 agriculture and 2 forestry
7 personal medical and 27 trauma

Fall (same)	8
Fall (lower)	2
Struck by	8
Caught In	10 (Amputation 7 of the 10)
MVA	2
Lifting	1
Personal Medical	10

1. May 12, Sunriver

Employee was stacking Trex decking on an upper level deck. They moved to get the next load and fell, landing on a joist. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for internal injuries.

2. May 21, Ashland

Employee was ascending a 15 foot extension ladder with a nail gun attached to their belt. They accidentally depressed the trigger and shot a nail into their right leg just above the knee. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a puncture wound.

3. May 7, North Plains

The employee was descending a ladder, caught their knee in the steps and fell backwards. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a laceration and joint damage.

4. May 19, Mosier

Employee was driving a motorcycle and was involved in a motor vehicle accident. The employee was transported to the hospital and is receiving extended care.

5. May 1, Portland

Employee was opening a dock plate inside a trailer. The plate dropped down amputating the tip of the employee's middle finger and skin on their ring finger. Employee was transported to the hospital for care.

6. May 16, Portland

Employee was performing maintenance on mobile rubber tire gantry crane when the crane spreader ran over their left foot. The employee was transported to the hospital. Multiple toes were amputated.

7. May 5, Clackamas

Employee was climbing into curtain trailer/van when they lost their grip/footing and fell to the ground. Employee was transported to the hospital for bone and joint injuries.

8. May 28, Aumsville

An employee was operating a pop-up cut-off saw to cut wood blocks. At the time of the incident, their hand was positioned underneath the saw's guard. It is currently unclear whether they were pulling a board out or pushing one in when the saw activated. The employee may have inadvertently stepped on the foot control, engaging the saw while their hand was in the hazardous zone. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for the amputation of four fingers.

9. May 13, Forest Grove

Employee fell when the ladder they were on collapsed. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones and a back injury.

10. May 27, Damascus

The employee bent down to move plants and tripped. They hit their head on the fork of the tractor that was parked next to them. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a head and foot injury.

11. May 28, Ontario

An employee was attempting to unclog a STAR valve with two fingers. The valve was not locked out. The employee's finger tips were amputated when the valve closed. The employee was transported to the hospital for treatment.

12. May 30, Gales Creek

Employee was using shears and cut off a portion of their finger. The employee was transported to the hospital and received care for the amputated finger.

13. May 28, Sweet Home

Employee was attempting to head a turn of logs and a maple log swung and hit employee in the back. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a back injury.

14. May 7, Elkton

The employee was working cattle. One of the cows in the chute reared her head back and slammed the employee's hand back into the framework. Employee was transported and received medical care for an avulsion.

15. May 14, Beaverton

Employee was participating in a team build-up activity of dodge ball when their legs gave out while they were running. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for joint injuries.

16. May 15, Eagle Point

Employee turned to walk away and tripped on a bag in the walkway. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones.

17. May 15, Eddyville

Employee was involved in a motor vehicle accident. They were transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

18. May 16, Baker

Employee was involved in a motor vehicle accident. They were transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

19. May 17, Oakridge

Employee was driving. Vehicle tires went onto the shoulder and the vehicle rolled. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a head injury.

20. May 18, Portland

Employee reported feeling unwell. EMS was called and the employee was transported. Presumed to be a personal medical emergency.

21. May 19, Portland

The employee was moving material and experienced back pain. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital for muscle injuries.

22. May 19, Hillsboro

The employee had a personal medical emergency. EMS was called, the employee was transported and treated for a head injury.

23. May 20, Sherwood

Employee was found unresponsive in a locked room. Coworkers called 911 and began lifesaving care. The employee was transported to the hospital for care. Presumed to be a self harming incident.

24. May 21, Hillsboro

Employee was walking through the shop and fell after walking on a mat that had some oil underneath. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

25. May 25, Portland

Employee began displaying potentially self harming behavior. Coworkers attempted to assist the employee and called 911. The employee was transported to the hospital for treatment of various unspecified injuries.

26. May 27, Clackamas

Employee reported feeling unwell. EMS was called and the employee was transported. Presumed to be a personal medical emergency.

27. May 27, Cottage Grove

Employee began to experience a personal medical emergency. The employee transported themselves to the hospital and was treated.

28. May 27, Salem

Employee was found at their work station unresponsive with a laceration to the head. Coworkers began lifesaving care and called EMS. Employee was transported and treated. Presumed to be a personal medical emergency.

29. May 28, Woodburn

Employee was cutting a steel flex bar with a shear. The employee held the bar in place by placing clamps to hold it down. Once depressing the foot peddle to cut the bar, the clamps somehow amputated the employee's left middle finger and deeply lacerated his right hand. The employee was transported tot he hospital for treatment.

30. May 28, Portland

Employee was found at their work station unresponsive. Coworkers began lifesaving care and called EMS. Employee was transported and treated. Presumed to be a personal medical emergency.

31. May 28, Biggs Junction

Employee was operating a tractor-trailer. A second tractor-trailer rolled onto its side. The trailer portion of the second vehicle impacted the vehicle operated by the employee. The driver of the vehicle impacted by the trailer was airlifted to the hospital and treated for multiple fractures, lacerations and head trauma.

32. May 5, Weston

The employee was sanding paint with a grinder while on a ladder. While descending a ladder, the employee fell backwards. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones.

33. May 5, Beaverton

Employee called EMS and was transported to the hospital. Employee did not report injury or illness to supervisor prior to calling EMS. Presumed to be a personal medical emergency.

34. May 5, Madras

An employee was inflating a vehicle tire on a tire changer machine when the tire ruptured. The tire rupture occurred at the employee's abdomen, groin, and upper legs region resulting in broken bones. The employee was transported by ambulance to the hospital for immediate and extended care.

35. May 6, Estacada

Two employees were removing a stainless steel shackle that was connecting a log boom in the water. The employees were standing on the bank of the river and were wearing PPE. As they were removing the shackle the cable wrapped around the employee's finger and crushed the employees right middle finger. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital for treatment.

36. May 6, Eugene

Employee had a personal medical event. They were transported to the hospital for treatment.

37. May 7, La Grande

Employee had a personal medical event while driving. A coworker in the vehicle transported them to the hospital for treatment.

38. May 7, Medford

During a work activity, the employee fell and hit their head. The employee was taken to the hospital and treated for a laceration.

39. May 9, Medford

A truck drove into a building and struck an employee. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital for unspecified trauma.

40. May 21, Medford

The employee was cutting some back slash on a table saw. As they were cutting, their hand was pulled into the blade, amputating their right index finger at the first knuckle.

41. May 23, Arlington

Employee was using a turn gear assembly on a brake disc when their hand became stuck in some gears. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for amputation of their index, middle, and right ring finger.

Fatalities –

Summary:

3 Fatalities – 3 general industry
3 associated with personal medical

1) May 2, Portland

Employee was repairing a vehicle on an automotive hoist. The employee bent over and went unconscious. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. Presumed to be natural causes.

1) May 5, Salem

The employee was discovered in their truck unconscious. EMS was called and the employee was pronounced deceased. Presumed to be natural causes.

2) May 15, Clackamas

Employee reported a personal medical emergency to their manager. EMS was called and the employee was transported.

Anonymous Questions:

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

Question:

"I need assistance deciphering (if it all possible) the specific ruling regarding working OUTSIDE of an aerial lift basket while tied off to the basket's anchor points. Does OR OSHA allow this process? I've done some research which led to finding a document from Genie spelling out their process in order to safely work outside their lifts and being anchored to the basket's anchor points. I had less luck with JLG as their document is pretty vague. So-I come to you, OR OSHA asking if there's a specific rule regarding allowing

work outside the basket? I cannot seem to find a clear answer digging through the standards.”

Answer:

Oregon OSHA’s workplace safety rules regarding operation of boom supported elevating work platforms (aka aerial lifts) are covered under [OAR 437-003-0073](#). The rules require that the manufacturer’s operating manual be with the equipment, and that users follow all operating and maintenance instructions and recommendations of the manufacturer. The rules also required employees working in the lift to wear personal fall protection that complies with the applicable requirements of [Division 3 \(Construction\), Subdivision M \(Fall Protection\)](#). Unless allowed in the manufacturer’s instructions, Oregon OSHA does not have a specific rule that allows workers to work outside the basket of such devices while tied off to its fall protection anchor point.

Roundtable:

CSS: June 24th , Knife River Training Event: The event is from 12pm – 7pm and is \$45.

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 8, 2025 at **9:30am**

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