

Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Council

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	David Smiley	Mars Garcia
Amber Lloyd	Eden Berestoff	Mary Lou Wilson
Amber Schneider	Eric Elkins	Michael Townsley
Anna Makela	Hailey Sorenson	Mike Brunenkant
Angelica Valdivieso	Heather Schwirse	Oriana Davis
Annmarie Earl	Jake Errico	Phillip Wade
Barbara Hanely	James Burke	Russ Goodwin
Barbra Anderson	Jamey Goodman	Sean Gremer
Barry Moreland	Jennifer Carter	Sean Tinker
Brett Warming	Joe Mullens	Shane Tercek
Bryon Snapp	John Frank	Stephen Canon
Chris Dahl	K. Beuscher	Steve Barrett
Connie Graybeal	Kirsten Adams	Tammi Stevens
Craig Tweedy	Kyle Sutton	Travis Stone
Dale Lindstrom	Laird Blanchard	

The meeting was called to order by Dale Lindstrom.

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

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.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The July meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

No lessons learned or safety suggestions were shared.

OSHA Discussion:

Bryon Snapp, Statewide Safety Enforcement Manager shared a [presentation on rigging](#).

He discussed with the group certifications vs. qualifications.

General rigging rules are found in [Division 3, subdivision H](#), 1926.251 rigging equipment for material handling.

Division 3, Subdivision C, 1926.32 definitions:

(f) Competent Person means one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

(m) Qualified means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.

There is no definition for “Certified” of Certification”

All rigging must be inspected by a Competent Person.

Possession of a “rigging certification” alone is not evidence that a rigger is qualified for the lifting task at hand.

Rule Updates:

Oregon OSHA is currently working on the [Lead rulemaking](#).

Oregon OSHA will be working on rulemaking on Workplace Violence in Healthcare.

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 –

33 Accidents – 8 construction, 23 general industry, 1 agriculture, and 1 forestry

4 personal medical and 29 trauma

Fall (same) 7

Fall (lower)	4
Struck by	4
Caught In	8 (Amputation 4, Avulsion 1 of the 8)
MVA	2
Exposure	3
WP Violence	1

1) 7/10/25, West Linn

Employee performing roofing operations slipped and fell on the roof. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

2) 7/17/25, Eugene

An employee was working on a solar panel when it came free and caught their arm against the pole the solar panel was previously affixed to. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

3) 7/2/25, Portland

Employee was installing a light fixture when the ladder slid and they fell approximately 10 feet. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

4) 7/24/25, West Linn

Employee was stripping concrete forms when a piece of wire struck the worker in the right eye. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a an eye injury.

5) 7/28/25, Woodburn

Employee tripped on their safety line and landed on their back. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

6) 7/7/25, Oregon City

Employee was performing rigging operations when a steel beam slid and caught their finger between the beam and a rigging hook. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for injuries including the amputation of their pinky finger.

7) 7/8/25, Portland

Employee fell from a portable extension ladder approximately 6 feet. The employee was transported to the hospital where they received treatment for broken bones.

8) 7/9/25, Portland

Employee was performing maintenance on a paint sprayer when it activated and injected paint primer into their finger. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a high pressure puncture wound.

9) 7/22/25, Junction City

Employee was trying to free a mower from blackberry vines when their left index finger was amputated. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for the amputation.

10) 7/24/25, Myrtle Creek

Employee fell from a ladder. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones.

11) 7/1/25, Redmond

Employee was working in an interior concrete channel. As they exited the space, they were struck by the rear wheel of a loader. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

12) 7/11/25, Cascadia

Employee driving for work was struck by a driver going the wrong direction. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

13) 7/11/25, Portland

Employee was using a chemical product and felt unwell. Employee sought medical care. It is unclear at this time if the employee experience a personal medical event or if it was related to the chemicals.

14) 7/14/25, Monroe

Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a heat related illness.

15) 7/14/25, Shady Cove

Employee was removing sheet metal from a rack when a pipe fell and struck their hand, amputating a portion of their ring finger near the first knuckle. They were transported to the hospital for treatment.

16) 7/16/25, Portland

Employee was pulling up a dock plate when the dock leveler bar slipped and struck them in the face. The employee was taken to the hospital and treated for a laceration and contusion.

17) 7/16/25, Corvallis

An employee was working on the tailgate of a 10-yard dump truck. Their hand was caught between the tailgate and the back of the truck. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries to their hand.

18) 7/17/25, Tualatin

Employee was attempting to refill ink and adjust a piece of equipment. Employee's hand was drawn into the machine and crushed at an identified pinch point. LOTO was not being used by the employee. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries to their hand.

19) 7/17/25, Milwaukie

Employee triped on a hose and fell. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

20) 7/17/25, Portland

Employee was performing physical training exercises and over the next few days symptoms increased. Employee was admitted to the hospital for a heat related illness (rhabdomyolysis).

21) 7/2/25, Portland

Employee slipped and fell. The employee was transported to the hospital and was treated for broken bones.

22) 7/20, Portland

Employee slipped and fell. The employee was transported to the hospital and was treated for broken bones

23) 7/20/25, Florence

Employee became unconscious at work. EMS was called, the employee was transported and treated for a personal medical condition.

24) 7/21, Roseburg

Employee was guiding another employee who was using a forklift to lower 4000 pound concrete block. The employee's hand was caught between two of the concrete blocks. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and was treated for a crush injury where one finger tip was amputated.

25) 7/21/25, St Helen

Employee was operating a slip roller machine when their hand got caught in the machine. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital where they were treated for broken bones.

26) 7/24/25, Roseburg

Employee tripped on the carpet and fell. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

27) 7/28/25, Ontario

Employee was using chemicals to clean up congealed oil. The employee received medical care and was treated for chemical burns.

28) 7/3/25, Medford

Employee was traveling for work on a motorcycle and was in a MVA with another vehicle. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

29) 7/3/25, Oregon City

Employee was on the phone with their supervisor and became unresponsive. EMS was called, they were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical condition.

30) 7/30/25, Portland

Employee tripped on a mat and fell. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

31) 7/30/25, Springfield

Employee had an altercation with a nonemployee that resulted in multiple stab wounds. Law enforcement is involved in this report.

32) 7/4/25, Tigard

Employee was unloading a shipment and fell approximately 4-6 ft from a liftgate. The employee was transported to the hospital treated for a back injury and broken bones.

33) 7/7/25, Tigard

Employee was transported and treated for a personal medical event.

Fatalities –

Summary:

8 Fatalities – 2 Construction, 4 general industry, 1 Agriculture, 1 Forestry

4 MVA

1 associated with personal medical

(1) 7/1/25, Lakeview

Employee swerved to avoid colliding with a vehicle that ran a stop sign and went into the ditch. EMS was called and the employee was pronounced dead at the scene.

(2) 7/23/25, Oregon city

Employee was lying down cleaning asphalt debris from a manhole cover when they were struck by a front loader. EMS was called and the employee was pronounced dead at the scene.

(3) 7/10/25, Lake Oswego

Employee was performing roof maintenance when they slipped and fell approximately 50'. EMS was called and transported to the hospital.

(4) 7/21/25, Wasco

Employee was driving a tractor trailer when it went off the roadway and rolled three quarters of a turn. Employee was transported to the hospital.

(5) 7/9/25, Roseburg

Employee went off the roadway while driving and struck a tree. EMS was called. The employee was pronounced dead at the scene.

(6) 7/14/25, Redmond

Employee was discovered slumped over a pallet. They were conscious but unable to walk. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital. At this time, it is presumed to be personal medical emergency.

(7) 7/8/25, Harper

Employee left roadway onto eastbound shoulder and employee corrected and vehicle flipped over.

(8) 7/8/25, Eugene

Employee was near the end of their shift and collapsed. It is presumed to be a heat related illness. The employee was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

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.

There were no anonymous questions this month.

Round table:

CSS: Psychological Safety, presented by Kimberly Gamble. Will be held 8/26 at Brix Tavern in Tualatin.

Risk and Insurance Management has their [22nd Annual RIMS Golf Tournament](#) – August 28th at 12:00pm. Will be held at Langdon Farms. registration open on web. Contact [Dale Lindstrom](#) if interested.

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:

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

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