

Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Council

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer	Donnie Chandler	Mars Garcia
Amanda Davies	Eden Berestoff	Mike Brunenkant
Amber Lloyd	Eric Bongen	Nathan Taylor
Anna Makela	Hailey Sorenson	Phillip Wade
Annmarie Earl	Ilene Ferrell	Renée Stapleton
Barbra Anderson	Ilona Hyett	Robert Miller
Barry Moreland	J. Cordill	Roy Shawgo
Bill Haskins	James Burke	Sean Gremer
Brian Jensen	Jamey Goodman	Sean Tinker
Brett Warming	Jennifer Stewart	Shane Tercek
Bryon Snapp	Jeremy Lawson	Stephen Canon
Caleb Harris	Jim Hill	Steve Barrett
Connie Graybeal	Joe Forest	Thomas Price
Craig Tweedy	John Frank	Travis Stone
Dale Lindstrom	Katia Costa-Black	Ursula Lande
David Rekdahl	Maggie Gerlicher	
David Smiley	Mark Spring	

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 August meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

One company has had 56% reduction in force, but the first of the year are looking at ramping back up. They are working on an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) action plan to help reduce fatigue and create a best practice guide.

The group discussed that silence is safety's biggest hazard. Talking about the issues is important.

One company is focusing on Gradall forklift safety. Creating a document plan, with a reminder that it is not a hurry up and get it done; Take the time to do it right and safe.

Katia with OHSU shared a new training on Mental Health in Construction. It is free and is 60 minutes in duration. The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences has partnered with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to introduce a new training that equips construction crew leaders with the tools they need to support worker mental health. You can learn about the training here: [Mental Health Support for Construction Crews training](#).

The training is:

- **Evidence-based** developed by occupational health experts and construction industry leaders
- **Self-paced, 60-minute online format** that fits busy schedules
- **Practical in focus** on real-world scenarios and tools that resonate with construction professionals
- **Comprehensive in approach** including a two-week behavior tracking tool and downloadable resources

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, we're offering this training **free throughout the month of September**. When you are ready to take the training, please email rwi@ohsu.edu and our team will provide access.

OSHA Discussion:

Renée Stapleton, Administrator discussed [Oregon OSHA's upcoming Web Freeze Presentation](#).

Oregon OSHA's website will be frozen from September 12, 2025 through October 7, 2025. This means that we can't add or update anything on our website; Everything will still be available to access. We are moving from SharePoint 2016 to the current SharePoint Online version to be ADA compliant. Our current layout will be changing to HTML before April 2026.

If you have any issues finding something on our site, please reach out to our [technical specialists](#) and we will help you.

Rule Updates:

The Oregon Legislature passed 2 bills for Oregon, HB2024 and SB537: Workplace Violence in Healthcare. We are coordinating with OHA and October is the first Rules Advisory Group meeting.

Federal Rulemaking updates: there are 26 proposals that are open for comment and we will be evaluating if they are adopted to ensure we are at least as effective as the federal rules.

Federal OSHA is also looking at making updates to the general duty clause- this came from the Supreme Court descent.

Construction illumination- removing the illumination requirements.

There is a SIP project (Standards Improvement Process), that says it is deregulatory, but didn't share specifics so there will be more to come on that.

Oregon has to be at least as effective as, and a lot of the time our rules are more effective than the Federal OSHA rules.

Hazard Communication- still on hold because we are waiting for clarifications from Fed OSHA.

Lead rulemaking: general industry and construction. We are at the point of changing federal rule language to Oregon rule language. It takes a bit of time, but once done it would go to RAG and will have a fiscal impact review.

We have a new Technical and Standards Manager, Gretchen Hall-Wunderlich, who will be starting September 22, 2025.

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 –

Summary:

46 Accidents – 9 construction, 28 general industry, 5 agriculture, and 4 forestry

13 personal medical/unknown and 33 trauma

Fall (same) 5

Fall (lower) 5

Struck by 10

Caught In	6 (Amputation 2 of the 6)
MVA	3
Exposure	4

Construction

(1) 8/27/2025, Madras

The employee placed his their in the path of a stainless-steel piece of tubing that was being pushed forward by an automated feed system. Their finger was caught between a guide wheel and the moving piece of 3/4" pipe. The sharp edge of the pipe cut his little finger as they moved their hand. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a laceration.

(2) 08/04/2025, Salem

A concrete panel fell and landed on an employee during the unloading process. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

(3) 08/11/2025, Gaston

While equalizing pressure in a trailer, the truck cab began to move. The employee attempted to enter the cab to stop the truck and fell. The truck ran over the employees leg. EMS was called, the employee was transported and treated for multiple injuries to their leg.

(4) 08/18/2025, Corbett

The employee was cutting plywood with a circular saw and struck the metal underneath the plywood. The employee was not wearing eye protection and the metal struck the employee in the eye. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for an eye injury.

(5) 08/19/2025, Redmond

While moving a steel truss, the employee caught their finger between the truss and the shipping container. Employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries to the left pinky finger.

(6) 8/26/2025, Springfield

The employee fell approximately 10 feet while installing wiring from a ladder. The employee was found unconscious. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for unspecified injuries.

(7) 8/28/2025, Boardman

Employee reported a swollen ankle to their supervisor after they left the worksite for the day. The employee was admitted for care overnight. At the time of reporting no additional information was available.

(8) 8/28/2025, Bend

The employee was observed by their supervisor as being dizzy and confused. EMS was called, the employee was transported and treated. At the time of the reporting, it appeared to be a personal medical condition.

(9) 8/28/2025, Salem

The employee had a personal medical event while driving a dump truck. They were transported to the hospital and treated for the personal medical event.

Not Construction

(10) 08/06/2025, Carlton

While falling trees, the rotten top of an alder broke and struck one of the employees in the head. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a blunt force trauma to the head.

(11) 08/13/2025, Springfield

The employee notified their employer they were not feeling well and were provided opportunities to rest and cool off. That night the employee went to the hospital and was treated for heat related illness.

(12) 08/13/2025, Glendale

The employee was being trained to use a press. They attempted to close the gate with their foot. Their foot went past the gate. Three toes were severed. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple amputations.

(13) 8/20/2025, Salem

The employee was feeling lightheaded and dizzy. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical condition.

(14) 8/27/2025, Portland

The employee reported pain in their hip. They went to the hospital and were treated for broken bones. At the time of reporting no additional information was available.

(15) 08/02/2025, Portland

The employee was behaving in an aggressive manner and entered a restricted space. Police were called and the employee was escorted off the property. The employee had contusions from the escort off the property.

(16) 08/04/2025, Salem

The employee fell while getting out of an excavator. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

(17) 08/04/2025, Oregon City

The employee was using a lift to move a patient and experienced a personal medical event. They received medical care for the personal medical event.

(18) 08/05/2025, Terrebonne

The employee was burned with food in the fryer splashed oil. The employer was transported to the hospital and treated for burns to the right arm, chest, and neck

(19) 08/05/2025, Portland

The employee fell from the loading dock when opening the door to a truck. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

(20) 08/05/2025, Salem

The employee fell approximately 13 feet from the catwalk of a sign at the entry hatch. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

(21) 08/07/2025, Dundee

The employee was changing a light fixture while standing on a retaining wall approximately 4 feet tall. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

(22) 08/07/2025, Portland

The employee was securing another person (essential function of the job). They fell and landed on their back. They were transferred to the hospital and received care for broken bones.

(23) 08/11/2025, Medford

The employee complained of discomfort. EMS was called, they were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical emergency.

(24) 08/11/2025, Medford

The employee was having difficulty breathing. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical emergency.

(25) 08/13/2025, Bend

The employee collapsed while exiting the worksite. EMS was called, they were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical condition.

(26) 08/13/2025, Gresham

The employee removed an obstruction from equipment without implementing LOTO procedures. The machine started and crushed the employee between the machine and the conveyor belt. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

(27) 08/14/2025, Eugene

During the transition between a 24 inch pipe and 18 inch pipe in a semi-automated welding machine, the employee adjusted the rollers. The pipe fell and landed on the employees head. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a head injury.

(28) 08/14/2025, Portland

The employee began feeling ill. EMS was called, they were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical condition.

(29) 08/15/2025, Lebanon

The employee slipped on water on the floor and fell. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

(30) 08/15/2025, Clackamas

The employee experienced a loss of consciousness. When they regained consciousness, they notified their supervisor. EMS was called, they were transported to the hospital and treated for a personal medical condition.

(31) 08/16/2025, Imnaha

The employee was bitten by a rattlesnake. They were transported to the hospital and treated for the snakebite.

(32) 08/18/2025, Portland

The employee tripped on a chair leg and fell. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones

(33) 08/21/2025, Portland

The employee was cutting a beam with a bandsaw. The beam fell off the table and struck the employee in the leg. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for a laceration.

(34) 08/22/2025, Portland

The employee was clearing an obstruction from equipment. Their hand was drawn into the equipment resulting in the amputation of the tip of the employee's middle finger. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for an amputation.

(35) 08/25/2025, Phoenix

The employee was found unconscious. EMS was called. Narcan was administered, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated.

(36) 08/25/2025, Newport

The employee tripped on a cord in the walkway and fell. They were transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones.

(37) 08/26/2025, Coos Bay

The employee was struck and pinned to a wall when another employee accidentally stepped on the gas pedal of the vehicle they were moving. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones.

(38) 8/11/2025, Portland

The employee fell on stairs. They were transported to the hospital and treated for a spinal injury.

(39) 8/30/2025, Salem

The employee was traveling between work locations and was involved in a single vehicle accident. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones and internal injuries.

(40) 08/03/2025, Medford

The employee experienced a personal medical event during a shift. They were transferred to the emergency room and treated for a personal medical condition.

(41) 08/13/2025, Edyville

At the time of the report, the employer had minimal information regarding the injury. The employee's hand may have been pulled into equipment resulting in amputation. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated.

(42) 08/05/2025, Parkdale

The employee was on a ladder. A vehicle struck the ladder. The employee's leg was caught in the ladder. EMS was called, the employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

(43) 08/13/2025, Dundee

The employee tripped on the leg of the conveyor belt. They were transported to the hospital and treated for broken bones.

(44) 08/15/2025, Salem

The employee was struck in the face by a branch. The employee was wearing eye protection. They were transported to the hospital and treated for an eye injury.

(45) 08/25/2025, Independence

The employee attempted to jump over a trench filled with hot water. They landed in the trench. They were transported to the hospital and treated for multiple burns.

(46) 8/28/2025, Tygh Valley

The employee was operating an ATV that began to have mechanical problems. When the ATV re-engaged the employee did not have control of the ATV. The ATV struck a fence post and flipped over. The employee was transported to the hospital and treated for multiple broken bones and internal injuries.

Fatalities –

Summary:

6 Fatalities – 1 construction, 4 general industry, and 1 forestry

2 associated with trauma

4 associated with personal medical

Construction

(1) 8/13/2025, Boardman

The employee was underneath a modular home during installation. A jack supporting the home failed. EMS was called and the employee was declared dead.

Not Construction

(2) 8/7/2025, Halfway

The employee was setting choker on log and slipped and fell to the ground. Another log rolled and fell on the employee resulting in back and neck injuries. EMS was called and the employee was transported to the hospital.

(3) 8/20/2025, Aumsville

The employee was not feeling well and went to the hospital. The employee died from a personal medical event at the hospital.

(4) 8/22/2025, Monmouth

The employee was walking at work and experienced a personal medical event.

(5) 8/14/2025, Central Point

The employee was found unconscious in the sleeper cab of a truck. EMS was called and the employee was pronounced dead from what is presumed to be a personal medical event.

(6) 8/8/2025, Beaverton

The employee began feeling ill during a regular shift. EMS was called, the employee was transported and died at the hospital from a personal medical event.

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:

Construction Safety Summit: 9/23 from 11:00am to 2:00pm: Brix- [ACME for a joint meeting on Fall Protection and Rescue.](#)

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:

October 14, 2025 at **9:30am**

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