



Southern Oregon Construction Safety & Health Forum

2018 Spring
Ninth Edition



It remains our mission to maintain effective safety and health program communication with AGC members. In this busy building season, it can be difficult to commit to meetings; this forum letter is intended to give us all opportunity to share information on current rules, conditions, and changes that affect our safety cultures and our communities. If you have information you are willing to share with members, please contact me and we will ensure that information gets out for everyone's benefit: John Jean, AGC SMC, johnj@agc-oregon.org or 541-613-6859.

SOUTHERN OREGON GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Southern Oregon Golf Tournament is fast approaching! This year the tournament will be held at Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls on June 1. Help us celebrate this fun event! Register online, www.agc-oregon.org.

AGC SUMMER CONVENTION

Mark your calendars! The 2018 Summer Convention Engage: Be Relevant! *Presented by SAIF* is August 9–11 at Sunriver Resort. The resort fills up quickly, so make room reservations early. Get more info at www.agc-oregon.org.

EDUCATOR OUTREACH EXTERNSHIPS

AGC successfully partnered with Willamette Promise and the Willamette Education Service District to develop a summer educator externship program. In 2017 we completed our second year with 28 educators and over 60 industry partner hosts. This program has been instrumental in connecting local construction companies with educators to provide first-hand experience and exposure to the limitless opportunities of careers in construction. Through these experiences, educators are better equipped to relay numerous career pathways in construction to their students through new lesson plans, presentations, and industry connections. Planning for the 2018 summer program is well underway, and dates have been set: July 16–26. We need many contractor and industry partner volunteers to host educators from all around the state. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Colette Evers.

OSHA INJURY TRACKING APPLICATION – ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF INJURY AND ILLNESS RECORDS

The date by which certain employers are required to submit to OSHA the information from their completed 2016 Form 300A was extended to **December 15, 2017**.

Who: Establishments with 250 or more employees that are currently required to keep OSHA injury and illness records, and establishments with 20–249 employees that are classified in certain industries with historically high rates of occupational injuries and illnesses.

NEW RULES FOR WALKING-WORKING SURFACES TOOK EFFECT NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Changes cover a wide range of workers and include portable ladders, training, dock boards, fall protection, and more. Oregon OSHA has adopted several changes to the walking-working surfaces rule to align general industry standards with construction. The changes became effective November 1, 2017, and apply to all general industry workplaces. Some requirements have later dates to allow employers time to comply.

Nov. 1, 2017: New rules went into effect and can be enforced.

Jan. 1, 2018: Dock-boards must meet new rules.

Nov. 1, 2018: Fixed ladders extending more than 24 feet must have personal fall arrest system or ladder safety system.

May 1, 2018: Deadline for employee exposure training for personal fall protection systems and proper care, inspection, storage, and use of equipment.

Here are some highlights:

Under the new rules, portable ladders:

- Must have slip-resistant rungs and steps
- Must be secure and stable on slippery surfaces
- May not be moved if a worker is on the ladder
- Cannot use top step and bottom caps as steps
- Cannot be fastened together to increase length (unless designed for that purpose)
- Cannot be placed on boxes or barrels to increase height

Fixed ladders longer than 24 feet must have a personal fall arrest system or a ladder safety system.

**Make ladder safety
a priority of your
company safety culture!**

