

**NECA-IBEW Joint Safety
Committee**

**August 21st, 2025
Meeting minutes**



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1. **Call to order** - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 6/19 minutes.
 2. **Attendance** - Kyle Sutton - Cherry City, Steve Huson - Mill Plain Electric, Chris Martin - O'Neill Electric, Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Troy Nichols - Stoner / Prime Electric, Ben Miles - Stoner / Prime Electric, Forrest Chapman - Squires Electric, Shane Tercek - Capitol Electric, Aaron Porter - J. H. Kelly, Jeff Cordill - Christenson Electric, and Barry Moreland - NIETC were in attendance.
 3. **Old business**
 - 3.1. 811 Oregon Utility Notification Center rule update - only 3 of 7 proposed regulations were adopted. Non-invasive methods to now include use of hydro-vac and air cutting.
 - 3.2. Use of NECA Safety Meeting App - Barry reminded the group about a new resource from NECA to check out. The free Safety Meeting App is quite useful and has a number of toolbox talks and checklists available. Initial access via Emma at NECA. emma@orecolneca.org
 - 3.3. Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Committee meeting reports of fatalities and reportable injuries - another good resource to use in your company safety meetings. These reports remind us just how many workplace injuries and fatalities still continue to happen throughout Oregon every month. Access info at - <https://osha.oregon.gov/rules/advisory/cac/pages/default.aspx>
 4. **New business**
 - 4.1. Lnl "Crane" rule revisions - the committee reviewed significant changes to the use of cranes in Washington. The biggest impact to contractors will be in the use of forklifts suspending loads which now will require operators to be certified by an accredited 3rd party such as the NCCCO. NOTE - operators who carry loads only on the top of the forks - not suspended - need to be Qualified, not Certified, which can be done by employers or a vendor. Enforcement begins

January 1, 2027. Barry to verify when providers will have certification training available.

5. Round Table - Injury Reports - Safety Resources

- 5.1. App shocked on 277v during demo work. Original circuit was isolated and under LOTO, additional circuit added to downstream box and was not identified or tested as potentially energized.
- 5.2. JW arc flash installing 100 amp breaker at service equipment. Awkward position to install and required extra pressure to snap in. Tool slipped during this pressure and made contact with buss. Burn injuries to hand.
- 5.3. MH - Support Tech hit by 4x4 adjustable top rail. Lifted up rail and thought it would stay in place. Unexpectedly came down making contact to shoulder at base of neck.
- 5.4. App rides GR20 MEWP down when hydraulics failed. No injury.
- 5.5. App strains thumb and wrist tightening wire nuts. Hard to heal as continuous work.
- 5.6. Committee discussed moving of equipment (not vehicles but materials) by support techs. Clarification found in latest agreement - please review.
- 5.7. App falls from ladder breaking wrist. Suspect overreaching as ladder was not defective and work was on firm level surface.
- 5.8. JW misses last step descending from ladder. Only minor injuries.
- 5.9. App shocked during move of service equipment when it slips and lands on energized cord on the ground. Metal housing of equipment became energized briefly while they were holding it. Checked out at hospital and released.
- 5.10. App tears calf muscle while bending EMT conduit.
- 5.11. App reports back strain / injury to employers 1.5 months post injury.
- 5.12. TikTok posted video of apprentice who does not like to wear new style helmets and mocks company safety policies. Contractor was notified of this and addressed situation with app.
- 5.13. JW shocked on the back of neck with 277v conductor hanging out of high bay fixture. Previous installer did not safe off and tuck under cover properly.
- 5.14. GC mandates weekly signing of zero injuries even though it is potentially illegal based on OSHA reporting criteria.
- 5.15. Group discussed hazards and best practices when pulling new conductors into exiting conduits / boxes that have energized conductors within. No real consensus here.
- 5.16. Committee discussed hazards related to lithium ion batteries and fires.

- 5.17. Questions regarding a course to educate members on unique hazards of PV work - DC and AC systems. Barry to check with OSIA.
 - 5.18. JW scratched on face requires stitches when over bent conduit was removed from strap / enclosure. Sprung back and cut face.
 - 5.19. Kyle shared a stop use and remove from service bulletin from Hilti. Their BX -3 series of fastening tools may unexpectedly fire at any time. Recall notice attached to these minutes.
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- 6. Up Next - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th, at 8:00 AM at the NIETC. Note meetings now being held on the even number months moving forward.

Dear Customer,

Hilti takes product quality and safety very seriously.

We would like to inform you of a potential safety risk associated with the BX 3 (02) & (03) Cordless Fastening Tool. Under certain conditions, the tool may experience an unintended piston release, which can result in a nail being discharged unexpectedly — even without the trigger being activated. **This may pose a serious safety risk** to users and bystanders. The released nail may cause cuts, puncture wounds, or in severe cases, eye injuries if appropriate eye protection is not worn.

Our records show you have purchased an affected Hilti BX 3 with the following serial number:

Model	Generation	Serial # (SN)
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BX 3-22	03	equal to or less than 35578
BX 3-BT	02	equal to or less than 18386
BX 3-BTG	02	equal to or less than 16201
BX 3-L	02	equal to or less than 79232
BX 3-L-22	03	equal to or less than 22779
BX 3-ME	02	equal to or less than 93600
BX 3-ME-22	03	equal to or less than 32521
BX 3-SCT	02	equal to or less than 10400

Please immediately discontinue use of this tool and contact Hilti to arrange for it to be sent in for piston release repair at no cost. During testing, if any other repairs or services are identified, you will be notified of your warranty or repair options. Hilti is committed to providing high-quality products and exceptional service. We sincerely apologize for this situation and any inconvenience this may cause.

Please contact customer service at **1-800-879-8000** for assistance in creating a recall repair order. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to BX3questions@hilti.com.

Yours sincerely,
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