

OSHA REGION VII

Electrocutions From Overhead Power Lines

This sheet provides information for employers in the construction industry, on how and where to get information and assistance to comply with current OSHA standards related to electrocutions from overhead power lines.

Responsibilities

As an employer you are responsible under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (the Act) to provide a workplace free from overhead power line hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to your employees.

You must comply with standards, rules and regulations issued by OSHA under the Act. You must be familiar with the standards and make copies available to employees for review upon their request.

Consultation

Employers who want help in recognizing and correcting electrocutions from overhead power line hazards (without citations or penalties) and in improving safety and health programs can get it from a free consultation service largely funded by OSHA and delivered by State governments.

For on-site consultation services contact the following office within your State:

Kansas

Kansas Department of Human Resources
Industrial Safety and Health Section
Division of Workers Compensation
512 SW Sixth Ave.
Topeka, KS 66603-3174
(785) 296-7476; fax: (785) 296-1775

Missouri

Department of Labor and
Industrial Relations
3315 West Truman Boulevard
P.O. Box 449 (65102)
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 751-3403; fax: (573) 751-3721

Nebraska

Division of Safety
Labor and Safety Standards
Nebraska Department of Labor
State Office Building, Lower Level
301 Centennial Mall, South
Lincoln, NE 68509-5024
(402) 471-4717; fax: (402) 471-5039

Publications Catalog

A catalog, "OSHA Publications and Audiovisual Programs," (OSHA 2019) is available at the closest OSHA Area Office, or through the OSHA Publications office at;

OSHA Publications Office
P.O. Box 37535
Washington, D.C. 20013-7535
(202) 693-1888; fax: (202) 693-2498

Standards

OSHA's regulations covering the construction industry are contained in Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1926. The subparts within the Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1926 which focus on electrocutions from overhead power line hazards are:

Subpart N – Cranes, Derricks, Hoists,
Elevators, and Conveyors
Subpart V -- Power Transmission and
Distribution

Copies of these standards are included
within the packet. Copies of these can also
be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.osha.gov> and,
<http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC>

Copies of the standards, in entirety, may be
purchased through the Government Printing
Office, GPO order # S/N 869-011-00112-2,
at:

The Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
P.O. Box 371954
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954
(202) 512-1800; fax: (202) 512-2250
http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/ or,

The Government Bookstore
5600 E. Bannister Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64137
(816) 765-2256

The publication OSHA Standards & Training
Guidelines (OSHA 2254), can also be
obtained from one of the above offices.

Electronic Information

OSHA Web site - OSHA news releases,
recent Federal Register notices, fact sheets,
and other information are available on
OSHA's web page at:

<http://www.osha.gov> and,
<http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC>

CD-ROM - A wide variety of OSHA
materials, including standards,
interpretations, directives, etc. can be
purchased from the U.S. Government
Printing Office. Specify "OSHA
Regulations, Documents & Technical
Information on CD-ROM," order #729-
013-00000-5.

OSHA Fax - OSHA news releases, fact
sheets, and other short documents are
available by fax for a nominal charge of
\$1.50 per minute. Callers should dial
(900) 553-3400 to access this service.

Region VII Offices

For any further information contact one of
the following OSHA offices closest to
you.

Kansas

271 West 3rd Street North, Room 400
Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 269-6644
(800) 362-2896 (KS only)

Missouri

6200 Connecticut Ave., Suite 100
Kansas City, MO 64120
(816) 483-9531
(800) 892-2674 (MO only)
or
911 Washington Ave., Room 420
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 425-4249
(800) 392-7743 (MO only)

Nebraska

Overland Wolf Building, Room 100
6910 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68106
(402) 221-3182
(800) 642-8963 (NE only)