



IBEW/NECA Monthly Safety Topic

Rescue Facilitator Guide

The July/August Monthly Safety Topic is “Rescue”.

Oregon: OAR (Oregon Administrative Rules, Division 2, General Occupational Safety and Health Rules (29CFR 1910) Subdivision R: Special Industries: Electrical Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution (1910.269)

(2) Training.

(A) Employees must be trained in and familiar with the safety-related work practices, safety procedures, and other safety requirements in this section that pertain to their respective job assignments. Employees must also be trained in and familiar with any other safety practices, including applicable emergency procedures (**such as pole top and manhole rescue**), that are not specifically addressed by this section but that are related to their work and are necessary for their safety.

Washington: **Safety Standards for Electrical Workers**
Chapter 296-45 WAC

WAC 296-45-065 Training.

Each employee must be trained and proficient in the safety-related work practices, safety procedures, and other safety requirements in this section that pertain to their respective job assignments. Employees must also be trained in and proficient with any other safety practices, including applicable emergency procedures (such as **pole top, aerial, manhole, and tree rescue**), that are not specifically addressed by this section but that are related to their work and are necessary for their safety.

Federal OSHA 29 CFR PART 1910.269 (2) Training

(a) All employees performing work covered by this section must be trained as follows:

(A) Each employee must be trained in, and familiar with, the safety-related work practices, safety procedures, and other safety requirements in this section that pertain to his or her job assignments.

(B) Each employee must also be trained in and familiar with any other safety practices, including applicable emergency procedures (such as pole-top and manhole rescue), that are not specifically addressed by this section but that are related to his or her work and are necessary for his or her safety.

Subpart V 1926.950 (b) Training

(i) Each employee must be trained in, and familiar with, the safety-related work practices, safety procedures, and other safety requirements in this subpart that pertain to his or her job assignments.

(ii) Each employee must also be trained in and familiar with any other safety practices, including applicable emergency procedures (such as pole-top and manhole rescue), that are not specifically addressed by this subpart but that are related to his or her work and are necessary for his or her safety.

Idaho

Idaho has adopted the Federal OSHA Rules

Video Introduction:

Here are a couple of videos of rescue scenarios. Keep in mind every rescue is different and may require more advanced methods than shown here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZI_7yTWvMc (pole top rescue)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDJ5CHf6JwE> (bucket truck rescue)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=diwyNVI20gw> (vault rescue)

Discussion topics:

- Are we all familiar with our rescue procedures?
- Do we have a rescue procedure?
- How often are we required to practice or show proficiency in rescue procedures?
- What are some methods of victim retrieval for vault rescue?
- Is everyone familiar with the lower controls on your bucket truck?

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Answer Key**

- 1. A**
- 2. C**
- 3. F**
- 4. A**
- 5. F**
- 6. A**
- 7. D**
- 8. All the above.**