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General Supervising Electrician

Statute and Rule: ORS 479.560, 479.860 OAR 918-282-0015, 918-282-0140

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Subject: General Supervising Electrician's Duties and Responsibilities

Question: What are the duties and responsibilities of a general supervising electrician?

Answer: A general supervising electrician, when working for or as an electrical contractor:

- 1) Signs permits prior to requesting an inspection;
- 2) Signs for only one contractor;
- 3) Is continuously employed by the contractor they are signing for and must be available to meet with inspectors upon request;
- 4) Must be available when electrical work they are responsible for is being performed; and
- 5) Is allowed to design, plan, and layout electrical installations for customers of the electrical contractor.

The general supervising electrician is responsible for the following:

- 1) That all installations meet minimum safety standards;
- 2) That proper electrical safety procedures are being used;
- 3) That all permits and/or labels are used and properly posted;
- 4) That persons performing electrical work are properly licensed; and
- 5) Compliance with corrections issued by the inspecting jurisdiction.

Where the above are not met, for any reason, the supervising electrician signing the permit is subject to penalties

A general supervising electrician must notify the division within five days if they are no longer signing for the contractor.

Analysis: The requirements for the rights and responsibilities of a general signing supervising electrician can be found in ORS 479.560(1)(2), ORS 479.630(2), and ORS 479.860. Rule requirements implementing the Oregon Revised Statutes are located in OARs 918-282-0015(1), 918-282-0140(1)(2)(3), and 918-251-0090(10).

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