

Injury or Illness Reports

{This policy was originally released with the April 2024 Policy Update. Following that release, OSBA determined that a correction was necessary. This correction was made in May 2024 and this policy was re-released. This version includes the correction. Required policy. ORS 339.309 requires a district school board establish policy for reporting incidents, e.g., injury.}

All injuries or illnesses¹, sustained by the employee while in the actual performance of the duty of the employee, occurring on district premises, in district vehicles, at a district-sponsored activity or involving staff members who may be elsewhere on district business will be reported immediately to a supervisor. All accidents involving employees, students, visiting public or district property will be reported immediately to a supervisor.

A written report will be submitted within 24 hours to the district's safety officer. Reports will cover property damage as well as personal injury.

In the event of a work-related² illness or injury to an employee resulting in in-patient hospitalization, loss of an eye, amputation or avulsion³, the district safety officer shall report the incident to the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA) within 24 hours after notification to the district of an illness or injury. Fatalities or catastrophes⁴ shall be reported⁵ to OSHA within eight hours.

ALL injuries or illnesses sustained by an employee, while in the actual performance of the duty of the employee or by a student or visiting public and accidents involving district property, employees, students or visiting public will be promptly investigated. As a result of the investigation any corrective measures needed will be acted upon.

The district safety officer will maintain records on injuries, illnesses, and accidents involving district property, employees, students or visiting public.

These records will include prevention measures taken, reporting information, periodic statistical reports on the number and types of injuries, illnesses and accidents occurring in the district, and monthly and annual analyses of accident data. Such reports will be submitted to the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

¹The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division provides: "Injury or illness" means an abnormal condition or disorder. Injuries include cases such as, but not limited to, a cut, fracture, sprain, or amputation. Illnesses include both acute and chronic illnesses, such as, but not limited to, skin disease, respiratory disorder, or poisoning (record injuries and illnesses only if they are new, work-related cases that meet one or more of the recording criteria). (OAR 437-001-0015(39))

² An injury or illness is work related if an event or exposure in the work environment either caused or contributed to the resulting condition or significantly aggravated a preexisting injury or illness. (OAR 437-001-0700(6))

³ Amputations and avulsions are only required to be reported if they result in bone loss. (OAR 437-001-0704(4))

⁴ "Catastrophe" is an accident in which two or more employees are fatally injured, or three or more employees are admitted to a hospital or an equivalent medical facility. (OAR 437-001-0015(11))

⁵ Reporting must be done in person or by telephone. (OAR 437-001-0704(3))

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.309](#)

[OAR 437-001-0015](#)

[OAR 437-001-0700](#)

[OAR 437-001-0704](#)

[OAR 437-001-0760](#)

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 437-002-0377](#)

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