

Question of the Month – How long after receiving a correction notice from an electrical inspector does a permit holder have to correct a non-compliant installation. *See correct answer on Page 2.*

Invitation to a Stakeholder Meeting Near You

I am holding 18 electrical stakeholder meetings in various locations across the state between March and May, 2018. These meetings are an opportunity to talk in an informal setting. Check the schedule below and attend a meeting near you. I want to hear how we can better serve you, our customers and help you stay informed of any changes that might affect you and/or your business. Meetings are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the locations listed below. Meeting dates and addresses will also be posted on our [Electrical Calendar](#) webpage and distributed on the program email list. If you are not on the email list, you may join at our [Electrical Email List](#) webpage.

Safety Tip of the Month

Make sure your temporary power installations are safe. Temporary power installations on construction sites, if not installed properly, can be a source of extreme hazard. Make sure your work is not the cause of a tragedy. Ensure all temporary wiring meets NEC requirements. Make sure service conductors at temporary power poles are not exposed.

2018 Stakeholder Meetings 6 – 8 p.m.		
March 6 – Pullman – Gladish Community and Cultural Center , Oscars Room, 115 NW State St.	March 7 – Spokane – Spokane Falls Community College , 3410 W. Fort George Wright Drive, Bldg 17, Sub Lounges A & B	March 12 – Pateros – Howard's on the River Event Center , 233 Lakeshore Dr.
March 13 – East Wenatchee – Douglas County PUD , 1151 Valley Mall Parkway	March 14 – Ellensburg – Location yet to be determined	March 28 – Kennewick – Benton PUD Auditorium – 2721 West 10th Avenue
March 29 – Moses Lake – L&I Building , 3001 West Broadway Avenue	April 4 – Tumwater – L&I Auditorium – 7273 Linderson Way SW	April 5 – Aberdeen – L&I Building , 415 West Wishkah Street, Suite B
April 11 – Tukwila – L&I Building , 12806 Gateway Drive South	April 26 – Tacoma – L&I Building , 950 Broadway, Orcas Room, 5 th floor	May 9 – Silverdale – L&I Building – 10049 Kitsap Mall Boulevard NW Suite 100
May 10 – Sequim – Location yet to be determined	May 22 – Everett – Snohomish County PUD Commission Meeting Room 2320 California Street	May 23 – Mount Vernon – Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center , 16650 State Route 536
May 29 – Vancouver – Clark PUD – Electric Center Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way	May 30 – White Salmon – White Salmon Valley Community Library – 77 NE Wauna Avenue	May 31 – Longview – Lower Columbia College 1600 Maple, Health & Science Building, HSB-101, Laufman Lecture Hall

Legislative Update

If you are a part of the electrical or telecommunications industries regulated by L&I, lawmakers are considering several bills that may affect you. None of this legislation is sponsored by L&I.

The bills listed below are available for consideration by the legislature. To remain available for consideration, bills must pass out of their committees by February 2 and out of their house of origin by February 14. You can get information about each bill by clicking on the hyperlinked bill numbers below. Review the bills and comment if you desire. A comment button is located to the right of the bill number on each webpage. You may also contact your legislator to share your opinion about any legislation by visiting the legislative website at: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/LIC/Pages/hotline.aspx>.

1. [House Bill 1430](#), [Senate Bill 5304](#) – Requires the department of L&I to adopt the non-administrative portion of the electrical rules through a process in which the department, the Washington cities electrical committee, and the technical advisory committee have an equal vote in the adoption of the rules.
2. [Substitute Senate Bill 5211](#) – Removes the ability of the Electrical Board to hear appeals of decisions by the Office of Administrative Hearings. Decisions made by an administrative law judge would be a final order.
3. [House Bill 1855](#) – Requires business name and electrical contractor license number to be marked on vehicles while used in the electrical construction trade.
4. [House Bill 1871](#) – Effective January 1, 2022, requires electrical or plumbing certification for employees of state agencies while performing electrical or plumbing work on the premises of a state agency employer.
5. [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1952](#) – Allows cities that have electrical inspection jurisdictions to enforce licensing and certification provisions of RCW 19.28. Changes city seat on the electrical board to a voting position. Allows cities to establish penalties and adjudicate matters of compliance. Does not diminish the department's enforcement authority within cities. Passed the House and referred to Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce.
6. [Substitute Senate Bill 6126](#) – Requires completion of an apprenticeship to receive a journey level electrician certificate of competency. This bill would become effective July 1, 2023. Passed the Senate on January 25.
7. [House Bill 2123](#), [Senate Bill 5860](#) – Allows credit toward qualifying for a specialty certificate of competency for work experience not in the electrical construction trade. Also provides a grandfathering opportunity for certain specialty certificates of competency to individuals who can show they were employed in those specialties prior to January 1, 2002.

Department Adopts Rule Amendments for 02 Residential and 04 Sign Specialty Scopes of Work

The Department is adopting modifications to the electrical licensing scopes of work in [WAC 296-46B-920\(2\)\(a\)](#) for the (02) residential specialty and [WAC 296-46B-920\(2\)\(d\)](#) for the (04) Sign specialty. You can find the rulemaking documents on the [Rule Development](#) page of our website.

Effective February 23, 2018, this rule revision will:

- Allow (02) residential specialty electrical contractors and electricians to work in multi-family dwellings of types III, IV, or V construction when there are not more than six stories of multifamily dwellings of types III, IV, or V construction above grade or above types I or II construction. Under current rule, the (02) residential specialty is limited to installation of non-metallic sheathed cable in multifamily dwellings not exceeding three stories above grade. The adopted rule aligns the scope of work for this specialty with building code requirements for the installation of non-metallic sheathed cable. Building codes restrict the building construction types where non-metallic sheathed cable can be used to a maximum of six stories. The building code allows a maximum of six stories to be built above grade or above types of construction where non-metallic sheathed cable is not allowed, commonly referred to as pedestal construction (types III, IV, or V construction above types I or II construction); and
- Allow (04) sign specialty electrical contractors and electricians to retrofit existing luminaires that are mounted on a pole or other structure with energy efficient technology, such as LEDs. Under the existing rule, the (04) sign specialty can service, maintain, or repair these luminaires with like-in-kind components but the current rule prohibits alterations such as LED retrofits. These will now be allowed under the (04) sign specialty.

Ugly Picture: *If viewing this document online, click on the picture to open a larger image.* Steel pipe electrodes shall have the outer surface galvanized or otherwise metal-coated for corrosion. A single pipe electrode shall be supplemented as required by NEC 250.53(A)(2) when an existing electrical service is altered.

Answer to Question of the Month: Fifteen calendar days - RCW 19.28.101, WAC 296-46B-901(15). Outstanding corrections subject the permit holder to monetary penalties and disconnection of power.



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