NEPA 70E Electrical Safety in the Workplace



NFPA-70E 2015 -Major Revisions

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Special Thanks to

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- Electrical Safety Training Materials
 - Low Voltage Classes
 - High Voltage Classes
 - Refresher Classes

NEPA 70E Electrical Safety in the Workplace



What is 70E and why do we need it?







What are the Electrical Hazards?



Common conditions that may increase hazard:

- Elevated location
- Confined space

Arc blast Fire ignition

Possible Results

- Direct Electrocution
 - Internal/External Burns

Indirect • Falls

Smoke Inhalation



By the Numbers

Annually, U.S. averages	4,000	non-disabling electrical contact injuries
Annually, U.S. averages	3,600	disabling electrical contact injuries
Every other day	1	person is electrocuted in the workplace
Electrocutions are	5th	leading cause of traumatic occupational fatalities
Each year	+2,000	workers are sent to burn centers with electrical burns



OSHA Regulations - General

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910, Subpart S is the electrical safety regulations for industry.

CFR 1910, Subpart R regulates electrical safety for power generation, transmission & distribution.

- Enforceable as law
- Performance-based language
- Contains the "what," not the "how"
- Not updated on a regular basis



State of Washington

- OSHA has jurisdiction at
 - DOD Facilities, Tribal Lands, and Marine Installations
- Washington State Plan is administered by the Department of Labor and Industries (DL&I)
- Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).
- Main office location is located in Tumwater, Washington.

NEC vs. 70E

Normal Conditions

NEC reduces the risk for shock under normal conditions

 When equipment is operated under normal conditions, worker is not exposed to energized parts



Risk for shock & arc flash increase under abnormal conditions

 NFPA 70E reduces risk through safe work practices









NFPA 70B

Practice fo

Maintenance 2013 Edition

MAINTAIN it properly

Recommended

NFPA Approach to Electrical Safety

How to... Upgrade/replace Maintain/repair NFPA 70 PERMITS TOOL INCLUDE SEE INSERT FOR DETAILS **2015 EDITION** ELECTRICA National Electrical Code® Electrical Equipmen WORKPLACE BUILD it safely NEPA (nec)

WORK on it safely



Strategies in NFPA 70E



- Electrically safe work condition
- Training
- Planning
- Hazard Risk Assessment
- Engineering
- PPE & Tools

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2015 Changes



Additions and Revisions in NFPA 70E

Just like the NEC 70..... All changes are highlighted

Global Changes

- Arc flash hazard analysis now Arc flash risk assessment
- Electrical hazard analysis now Electrical hazard risk assessment
- Harm now injury or damage to health
- Hazard identification and risk assessment now Risk assessment
- Hazard Risk Category (HRC) now Arc Flash PPE Category
- Probability now Likelihood
- Shock hazard analysis now Shock risk assessment



Global Changes

Workshoes now Footwear

Article 100 - Definitions

- **Risk (New Definition)** A combination of the likelihood of occurrence of injury or damage to health and the severity of injury or damage to health that results from a hazard
- Risk Assessment (New Definition) An overall process that identifies hazards, estimates the potential severity of injury or damage to health, estimates the likelihood of occurrence of injury or damage to health and determines if protective measures are required.
 - Informational Note: As used in this standard, arc flash risk assessment and shock risk assessment are types of risk assessments.



Article 100 - Definitions

- Prohibited Approach Shock Boundary has been eliminated.
 - Only Limited and Restricted boundaries Remain

Protection Strategies » Shock



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Simplified Shock Boundaries



Restricted Approach Boundary

PPE & Qualified ONLY boundary – **Requires EEWP**

Limited Approach Boundary

Qualified Control Boundary – Prohibits unqualified persons without escort by qualified

480 VAC Energized Source



NFPA 70E 130.4



Low Voltage Shock Boundaries

	Nominal Voltage		Shock Boundaries			
			Limi	ted	Restricted	
		Exposed	Movable Conductor	Fixed Circuit Part		
	AC					
		<50 V	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	
	50	– 150 V	3.0 m (10′)	1.0 m (3' 6")	Avoid Contact	
Cutoff 600 V AC	> 151	– 750 V	3.0 m (10′)	1.0 m (3' 6")	0.3 m (12")	

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Tables 130.4(D)(a)/(b)

Article 100 - General Requirements for Electrical Safety-Related Work Practices

• 110.1(B) Maintenance

- The electrical safety program shall include elements that consider condition of maintenance of electrical equipment and systems.
- 110.3 Relationships with Contractors (Outside Service Personnel, and So Forth).
 - (C) Documentation. Where the host employer has knowledge of hazards covered by this standard that are related to the contract employer's work, there shall be a documented meeting between the host employer and the contract employer.

- 130.2(A) Energized Work
 - (4) Normal Operation. (New Item) Normal operation of electric equipment shall be permitted where all of the following conditions are satisfied:
 - 1. The equipment is properly installed
 - 2. The equipment is properly maintained
 - 3. The equipment doors are closed and secured
 - 4. All equipment covers are in place and secured
 - 5. There is no evidence of impending failure

• 130.2(A) Energized Work

Informational Note: The phrase properly installed means that the equipment is installed in accordance with the applicable industry codes and standards and the manufacturer's recommendations. The phrase properly maintained means that the equipment has been maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and applicable industry codes and standards. The phrase evidence of impending failure means that there is evidence such as arcing, overheating, loose or bound equipment parts, visible damage, or deterioration.

- 130.2(B) Energized Electrical Work Permit
- (1) When Required. When energized work is permitted in accordance with 130.2(A), an energized electrical work permit shall be required under the following conditions:
- (1) When work is performed within the restricted approach boundary
- (2) When the employee interacts with the equipment when conductors or circuit parts are not exposed but an increased likelihood of injury from an exposure to an arc flash hazard exists

- 130.5 Arc Flash Risk Assessment
- An arc flash risk assessment shall be performed and shall:
- (1) Determine if an arc flash hazard exists. If an arc flash hazard exists, the risk assessment shall determine:
 - a) Appropriate safety-related work practices
 - b) The arc flash boundary

c) The PPE to be used within the arc flash boundary

- 130.5 Arc Flash Risk Assessment
- Informational Note No. 1:
 - Improper or inadequate maintenance can result in increased opening time of the overcurrent protective device, thus increasing the incident energy. Where equipment is not properly installed or maintained, PPE selection based on incident energy analysis or the PPE category method may not provide adequate protection from arc flash hazards.

- 130.5 (D) Equipment Labeling
- The owner of the electrical equipment shall be responsible for the documentation, installation, and maintenance for the field-marked label.

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Major Revisions



What Equipment Must be Labeled?

- Switchboards
- Panelboards
- Industrial Control Panels
- Meter Socket Enclosures
- Motor Control Centers

electrical equipment... "likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing or maintenance while energized shall be field marked with a label..."

NFPA 70E 130.5(D)

- 130.6(H) Clear Spaces.
 - Working space in front of electrical equipment required by other codes and standards shall not be used for storage. This space shall be kept clear to permit safe operation and maintenance of electrical equipment.



Storing Materials in Front of Equipment



- 130.7(C)(15) Selection of Personal Protective Equipment When Required for Various Tasks
- (A) Alternating Current (ac) Equipment. Where selected in lieu of the incident energy analysis of 130.5(B)(1), Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(a). (New Table) shall be used to identify when arc flash PPE is required. Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(b) shall be used to determine the arc flash PPE category....

- Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(b) & Table 130.7(C)(15)(B) Task Tables
 - Arc Flash Hazard Category 0 has been removed!!!
- Table 130.7(C)(16) Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - PPE Categories 1-4 (No Category 0)

NFPA 70E AF Hazard Identification Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(a) Lookup: Task Is Arc Flash PPE Required?

NFPA 70E AF PPE Categories Table 130.7(C)(15)(A)(b) Lookup: Equipment Type AF PPE Category Arc Flash Boundary

NFPA 70E PPE Matrix Table 130.7(C)(16) Determine: Minimum Clothing Arc Rating Additional PPE Required



- 130.10 Cutting or Drilling. (New Item)
- Before cutting or drilling into equipment, floors, walls, or structural elements where a likelihood of contacting energized electrical lines or parts exists, the employer shall perform a risk assessment to:
 - Identify and mark the location of conductors, cables, raceways, or equipment,
 - Create an electrically safe work condition, and
 - Identify safe work practices and PPE to be used.



Before... You Dig, Drill or Cut:



Prior to excavation, employer shall take necessary steps to have electrical lines or equipment locations identified and marked

 If reasonable possibility for contacting electrical lines or equipment exists, appropriate safe work practices and PPE shall be used during excavation

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Prior to cutting or drilling where there's a likelihood of contacting energized electrical lines or parts

- Employer shall perform risk assessment to:
 - Identify location
 - Create an electrically safe work condition
 - Determine safe work practices and PPE to be used

NFPA 70E 130.9 NFPA 70E 130.10

Article 200 - Safety-Related Maintenance Requirements

- 205.3 General Maintenance Requirements
 -The equipment owner or the owner's designated representative shall be responsible for maintenance of the electrical equipment and documentation.

205.15 Overhead Line Clearances. (New Section)

 For overhead electrical lines under the employer's control, grade elevation shall be maintained to preserve no less than the minimum designed vertical and horizontal clearances necessary to minimize risk of unintentional contact.

210.5 Protective Devices

 Informational Note: Improper or inadequate maintenance can result in increased opening time of the overcurrent protective device, thus increasing the incident energy.

Time vs. Incident Energy (Fault Current Constant @ 30 kA)



Incident Energy



No PPE Required for Normal Operation If...

- Equipment is properly installed
- Equipment is properly maintained
- Equipment doors are closed and secured
- All equipment covers are in place and secured
- NO evidence of impending failure
 - No visible sign of failure
 - No historical evidence of failure



No PPE Required for Normal Operation If...

- Really?
- Is that a good idea?



Example Task Assignment

Tighten a loose connection on a circuit breaker in an energized 240 volt, 3 phase panelboard.

- Available fault current: 20 KA
- Tripping time for the upstream protective device is 2 cycles

Y/N Shock Hazard Present 1) a) Limited Approach Boundary SHOCK b) Restricted Approach Boundary* Y/N Arc Flash Hazard Present 2) 3) **Equipment Meets Table Parameters** FLASH a) PPE category b) Arc Flash Boundary Y/N **EEWP** Required

* Insulated Gloves and Tools Required inside Restricted Approach Boundary 130.4(D)(1)



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Is There a Shock Hazard?



- Is equipment \geq 50 volts?
- Does the task require working inside the Restricted Approach Boundary?

Identify Shock Boundaries by Voltage

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Table 130.4(D)(a) Approach Boundaries to Energized Electrical Conductors or Circuit Parts for Shock Protection for Alternating-Current Systems (All dimensions are distance from energized electrical conductor or circuit part to employee.)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Limited Approx	ach Boundary ^b	Restricted Approach
Nominal System Voltage Range, Phase to Phase ^a	Exposed Movable Conductor ^c	Exposed Fixed Circuit Part	- Boundary ; Includes Inadvertent Movement Adder
<50 V	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
50 V-150 V ^d	3.0 m (10 ft 0 in.)	1.0 m (3 ft 6 in.)	Avoid contact
151 V–750 V	3.0 m (10 ft 0 in.)	1.0 m (3 ft 6 in.)	0.3 m (1 ft 0 in.)
751 V–15 kV	3.0 m (10 ft 0 in.)	1.5 m (5 ft 0 in.)	0.7 m (2 ft 2 in.)
15.1 kV-36 kV	3.0 m (10 ft 0 in.)	1.8 m (6 ft 0 in.)	0.8 m (2 ft 7 in.)





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Y/N 1) Shock Hazard Present Y Image: Stress of the stres



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Find Task and Determine if PPE is Required

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3 33- 30 -37	Direct Current (dc) Systems Task		Equipment Condition*		Arc Flash PPE Required
	Reading a panel meter while operating	a meter switch	Any		No
	Normal operation of a circuit breaker ((CB), switch, contactor,	All of the following:		
Work on control circuit conductors and circuit	s with exposed energized electrical t parts, greater than 120 V	Any		Yes	No
Insertion or removal of control center (MCC)	individual starter buckets from motor	Any		Yes	
Insertion or removal (ra doors open or closed	acking) of CBs or starters from cubicles,	Any		Yes	
Insertion or removal of	plug-in devices into or from busways	Any		Yes	Yes
Insulated cable examination	ation with no manipulation of cable	Any		No	
Insulated cable examination	ation with manipulation of cable	Any		Yes	
Work on exposed energy parts of equipment di control center	ized electrical conductors and circuit rectly supplied by a panelboard or motor	Any		Yes	Yes
Insertion and removal of voltage and current)	of revenue meters (kW-hour, at primary	Any		Yes	Yes
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			One or more of the following:		

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Y/N 1) Shock Hazard Present Y a) Limited Approach Boundary 3'6'', b) Restricted Approach Boundary* 1' Y/N Y/N 2) Arc Flash Hazard Present Y 3) Equipment Meets Table Parameters Y

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Find Equipment & Check Limits

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Equipment	Arc Flash PPE Category	Arc-Flash Boundary
Panelboards or other equipment rated 240 V and below		485 mm
Parameters: Maximum of 25 kA short-circuit current available; maximum of 0.03 sec (2 cycles) fault clearing time; working distance 455 mm (18 in.)	1	(19 in.)
Panelboards or other equipment rated >240 V and up to 600 V		900 mm
Parameters: Maximum of 25 kA short-circuit current available; maximum of 0.03 sec (2 cycles) fault clearing time; working distance 455 mm (18 in.)	2	(3 ft)
600-V class motor control centers (MCCs)		1.5 m
Parameters: Maximum of 65 kA short-circuit current available; maximum of 0.03 sec (2 cycles) fault clearing time; working distance 455 mm (18 in.)	2	(5 ft)
600-V class motor control centers (MCCs)		4.3 m
Parameters: Maximum of 42 kA short-circuit current available; maximum of 0.33 sec (20 cycles) fault clearing time; working distance 455 mm (18 in.)	4	(14 ft)
600-V class switchgear (with power circuit breakers or fused switches) and 600 V class switchboards		6 m
Parameters: Maximum of 35 kA short-circuit current available; maximum of up to 0.5 sec (30 cycles) fault clearing time;	4	(20 ft)

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Risk Assessment

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PPE Category Specifications

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Table	130.7(C)(16) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	PPE Category	PP
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1	Arc-Rated Clothing, Minimum Arc Rating of 4 cal/cm ² (see Note 1) Arc-rated long-sleeve shirt and pants or arc-rated		Arc-rated arc flash Arc-rated arc flash
	coverall Arc-rated face shield (see Note 2) or arc flash suit hood Arc-rated jacket, parka, rainwear, or hard hat liner (AN)		Arc-rated arc f Arc-rated glove Arc-rated jacket, parka, rainy
	Protective Equipment Hard hat Safety glasses or safety goggles (SR)		Protective I Hard Safety glasses or sa
	Hearing protection (ear canal inserts) Heavy duty leather gloves (see Note 3) Leather footwear (AN)	AN' as	Hearing protection Leather f

Arc-Rated Clothing Minimum Arc Rating of 8 2

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* Insulated Gloves and Tools Required inside Restricted Approach Boundary 130.4(D)(1)



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EEWP Requirements and Exemptions

Pgs 24-25 130.2 Energized Work. ...

(B) Energized Electrical Work Permit.

(1) When Required. When energized work is permitted in accordance with 130.2(A), an energized electrical work permit shall be required under the following conditions:

- (1) When work is performed within the restricted approach boundary
- (2) When the employee interacts with the equipment when conductors or circuit parts are not exposed but an increased likelihood of injury from an exposure to an arc

flash hazard exists

(3) Exemptions to Work Permit. An energized electrical work permit shall not be required if a qualified person is provided with and uses appropriate safe work practices and PPE in accordance with Chapter 1 under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Testing, troubleshooting, and voltage measuring
- (2) Thermography and visual inspections if the restricted approach boundary is not crossed
- (3) Access to and egress from an area with energized electrical equipment if no electrical work is performed and the restricted approach boundary is not crossed
- (4) General housekeeping and miscellaneous non-electrical tasks if the restricted approach boundary is not crossed

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* Insulated Gloves and Tools Required inside Restricted Approach Boundary 130.4(D)(1)



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What is easier and safer for the employees?

 Determining Fault Current and clearing times, then use NFPA 70E Task Tables

• or

 Look at the AF Label to determine the true energy level and AF boundary?





Arc Flash Hazard Labels - Bus

May also display such information as:

Voltage,

Flash hazard boundary,

Approach distances,

Equipment name/ID #,

Upstream device.



A	rc Flash and Shock Hazard
3 Ft 8 In	Flash Hazard Boundary
5.1	cal/cm ² Flash Hazard at 1 Ft 6 In
	Arc Rated Clothing Required (See NFPA 70E H.3(b) for additional PPE)
480 VAC	Shock Hazard when cover is removed
00	Glove Class
10 Ft 0 In	Limited Approach (Fixed Circuit)
12 In	Restricted Approach
09/30/2014	IEEE 1584-2002/2004a/2011b & NFPA 70E-2015
Equipment ID (Name):	MCC-STASRV1 (MCC STR SRV1)

Scenario 3 - Bus Tie Breakers Closed Study Performed By PowerStudies.com (253) 639-8535

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Protective Device:

Best Practice Label.

NFPA 70 130.3 (C)



Label for Locations where:

AF Energy > 40 cal/cm²

11 Ft 10 In	Flash Hazard Boundary
45.3	cal/cm ² Flash Hazard at 1 Ft 6 In
	No PPE Exists - Do Not Work on Equipment while Energized!
480 VAC	Shock Hazard when cover is removed
00	Glove Class
10 Ft 0 In	Limited Approach (Fixed Circuit)
12 In	Restricted Approach

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09/30/2014	IEEE 1584-2002/2004a/2011b & NFPA 70E-2015
Equipment ID (Name):	MCC-AUX-1 (MCC AUX 1)
Protective Device:	50/51 XA1

Scenario 2 - Normal Power

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Best Practice Label.

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Questions???



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- Performing energized work, per 130.2(A) within the *restricted approach boundary*
 - When employee interacts with equipment and an increased likelihood of injury from an arc flash exposure exists
 - conductors or circuit parts need not be exposed

Read NFPA 130.2 and 130.2(B)(1) This issue should be addressed especially in HV applications



Energized Electrical Work Permit (EEWP)



- Requires written approval from management
- Requires the worker to do the following:
 - Identify and understand the hazards
 - Be a qualified person
 - Wear the proper PPE
 - Restrict access to unqualified persons
 - Complete a job briefing

No EEWP Required for:

- Testing, troubleshooting, and voltage measuring
- If the Restricted Approach Boundary is not crossed:
 - Thermography and visual inspections
 - Access to and egress from area with energized electrical equipment, if no electrical work is performed
 - General housekeeping and miscellaneous non-electrical tasks

Must still follow safe work practices and **PPE guidelines**





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