

## **NECA POLICY 19**

### **Safety and Health**

*NECA believes that safety and health are core values. They are an integral part of achieving excellence in the electrical contracting business by maintaining the highest standards of health, safety, quality, and productivity, in a proactive, practical, and cost-effective approach to manage organizational loss control. The association believes that implementation of effective safety management systems and risk management processes are essential. NECA's commitment to jobsite safety is reinforced by placing special emphasis in quality safety training programs and specific policies that integrate safety into project pre-planning and project management. NECA members demonstrate safety professionalism and responsibility through every aspect of work and services with a minimum of disruption to customers.*

*NECA's policy is to support the highest safety and health standards in construction for the benefit of its members, the industry, and the consuming public. NECA actively advocates maintaining the safest and most productive workplace possible through compliance with all OSHA and other safety standards directly related to the electrical industry. NECA members appreciate the benefits of a workplace free from injuries, the advantage of a productive work force, and the responsibility of offering a safe working environment. To that end, NECA believes that to achieve zero injuries in the workplace, contractors must strive for zero energized work environments as the normal and best practice, whenever achievable.*

*NECA members understand jobsite safety is an important and essential responsibility shared between employers and employees and affirms that implementing safe work practices is not optional. The association believes that a trained and qualified workforce has responsibility to recognize and avoid workplace hazards and, where necessary, employers provide the required personal protective equipment for workers exposed to workplace hazards.*

*NECA remains active in government relations and rulemaking processes related to worker safety and health. The association actively participates in electrical safety regulation and standard development, such as NFPA 70 the National Electrical Code, and NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace and other safety legislation that directly affects and applies to the industry. NECA is committed to supporting collaborative effective efforts through industry alliances and partnerships sharing common safety objectives through meaningful contributions to safety rules that are practical, easy to understand, and enforceable.*

*The goal of NECA members is to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for all employees and to foster efficient operations, thereby offering the best possible product and services to the customer. Effective safety-related work practices and principles must be integrated into the design, planning and installation of electrical work.*

*NECA members recognize that implementing effective safety programs, policies and safe work practices is often challenging. NECA members are dedicated to addressing these specific challenges while establishing and maintaining safety in the workplace, including utilizing smart*

*technologies and resources that simplify and streamline processes related to achieving optimal results. Safety Excellence results from safe work practices that continuously strive for Zero Injuries. NECA's commitment to safety excellence and safe work environments remains active, focused, and constant.*

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