

Arc Flash and Shock Hazard Safety Awareness Class Outline



OSHA compliance includes adherence to employee training requirements. Shock hazard, arc flash and arc blast awareness training is regulated by [NFPA 70E 2012 Edition](#), Articles 110.16 and 110.7 and is enforced under [OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910](#) Subpart S 1910.332.

NFPA Article 110.16(a) in part states: "Such employees shall be trained to understand the specific hazards associated with electrical energy, and shall be trained to identify and understand the relationship between hazards and possible injury." (Paraphrased).

NFPA Article 110.7(a) in part states: "The employer shall implement and document an overall electrical safety program that directs activity appropriate for voltage, energy level, and circuit conditions."

Here is the outline for the electrical arc flash safety awareness for the "qualified" worker.

The "qualified" worker description as per OSHA is "an individual who is trained and knowledgeable in the construction and operation of equipment or specific work method, and is able to recognize and avoid the electrical hazards. The worker is required to operate, maintain, or work on electrical distribution equipment."

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- Electrical Safety Equipment
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 - ✓ Requirements
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 - High Voltage Proximity Type
 - High Voltage Direct Contact Type the Live-Dead-Live Check
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- Protective Shields and Barricades
- Insulating Blankets and Mats
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- Auxiliary Hazards
- Summary

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