

MATERIAL HANDLER POSITION

A Step to Apprenticeship

Having material handling experience will enhance your application for the electrical apprenticeship program. Experience in the trade, and knowledge of the tools and materials that electricians use, are qualities that the interviewers value.

Material Handling provides you with:

- Knowledge of tools and materials
- Familiarity with jobsite operations
- Letters of recommendation
- Demonstration of work ethic

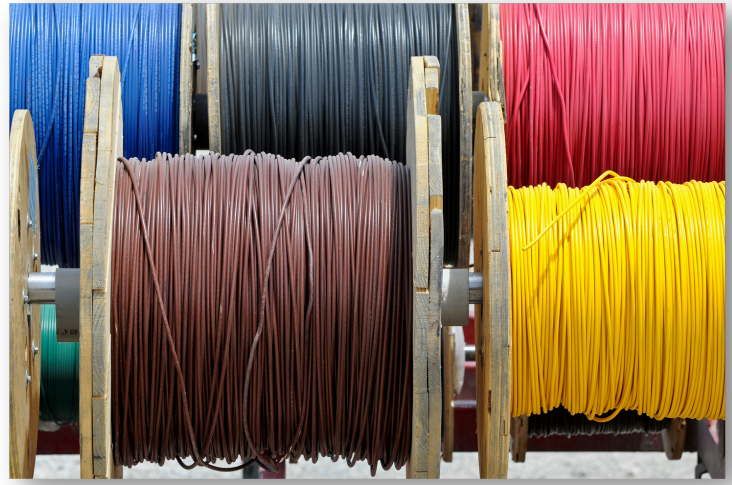
Material Handlers play a valuable role in the efficiency and management of the work site.

Scheduled Wage Increases

You will begin as a provisional Support Tech. After your first 450 hours of work, you will graduate to Support Tech 5 and receive a wage increase. These Tech levels and wage increases occur every 1000 -1500 hours until you top out as a Support Tech 1 at 6500 hours.

Hours	Level	Wage
0-450	Provisional	\$19.65
451-1500	Support Tech 5	\$21.62
1501-3000	Support Tech 4	\$22.93
3001-4500	Support Tech 3	\$26.86
4501-6500	Support Tech 2	\$31.75
6501 +	Support Tech 1	\$36.20
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Wages effective 01/01/2026



NECA-IBEW Local 48 Material Handler/Support Tech scope of work:

Handling of all materials, tools and equipment as directed by the employer at their shop. This includes the loading and unloading of materials and tools on the job sites to a central lay-down or material area and to specific locations on the jobsites for the convenience of employees, as directed by the foreman or journeyman on that jobsite.

Material handlers are allowed to work in lay-down areas on a construction site under the direction of a Material Handler Foreman as long as the Material Handler Foreman is under the direction of a Journeyman, Foreman, or General Foreman.

The material handler will be allowed on the jobsite for clean-up purposes. Once on the jobsite, the material handler shall not install electrical material or utilization equipment.

Your job may be to deliver materials to various jobsites around town, or you may work on one large jobsite every day, delivering and sorting materials.

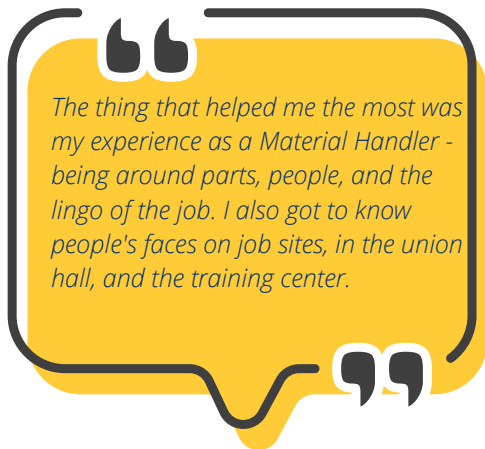
Think of material handling as a lengthy job interview with the goal of earning letters of recommendation from the contractor which you can include in your apprenticeship application packet. Showcase your work ethic and positive attitude and learn as much as you can about the electrical industry.



HOW TO GET STARTED

Become an IBEW Member

After a 450-hour probationary period, you will become an IBEW Local 48 member. Attending union meetings is an excellent way to network with journeymen and apprentices.



The thing that helped me the most was my experience as a Material Handler - being around parts, people, and the lingo of the job. I also got to know people's faces on job sites, in the union hall, and the training center.

James, Journey Inside Electrician

Health and Retirement

After your probationary period, you will receive health benefits for yourself and your dependents, and begin building pension plans. You will have access to the Employee Assistance Program.



Sign the Material Handler/Inside Support Tech book at the IBEW Local 48 Dispatch window. The best time to sign is M - F from 10 AM - 12 PM, and from 1 PM - 4:45 PM.

15937 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230 (North Entry)

You will need to be at least 18 years old, have a driver's license, know your social security number, and be available full-time.

Once you have signed the book, you can find a job by doing one or both:

1. General Call:

- Check the website or call the job hotline daily
 - www.ibew48.com/dispatchers-report
 - 503-251-9134
- Look for *Provisional/MH/Low-Level* jobs (referred to as "calls") listed under *Material Handler/Support Tech*. There will not be a Material Handler section if there are no jobs available
- Follow the instructions provided by the dispatcher when you signed the book
- The qualified person closest to #1 on the book who bids on the job will get the job
- The dispatcher will provide you with information about the job. You will be subject to pre-employment and random drug screening

2. Solicit your own work:

- Drop your resume off at NECA-IBEW electrical contractors and they may decide to hire you from the Material Handler book by name
- www.ibew48.com/contractor-directory/ has a list of NECA-IBEW contractors; not all contractors hire material handlers

Report READY TO WORK:

- Work boots
- Work clothes - Jeans/overalls, layers for hot or cold temperatures, rain gear. No shorts; shirts need to have a 4" or longer sleeve
- Lunch, snacks, water