

National Safety Stand-Down

To Prevent Falls in Construction

JUNE 2 - 6, 2014



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The purpose of the National Fall Prevention Stand-Down is to raise awareness of preventing fall hazards in construction. Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers, accounting for 269 of the 775 construction fatalities recorded in 2012. **Those deaths were preventable.** Fall prevention safety standards were among the top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards, during fiscal year 2012.

What is a Safety Stand-Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about "Fall Hazards" and to reinforce the importance of "Fall Prevention."

How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down

Construction companies conduct a Safety Stand-Down by stopping work and providing a focused toolbox talk on a safety topic such as ladder safety, fall protection equipment, or scaffolds safety. The meeting provides information to workers about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the week of June 2-6, 2014. [See Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down."](#)

The goal is to have over 25,000 employers and 500,000 workers to hold a Stand-Down and if we meet this goal, we will have touched almost 1 out of 10 construction workers in the country.

Who Can Participate?

Participants may include trade associations, employers, federal, state and local governmental agencies, professional societies, institutes, and consumer/labor-management interest organizations, sub-and independent contractors.

Partners

OSHA is partnering with key groups to assist with this effort, including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), OSHA approved State Plans, State consultation programs, the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR), the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the National Safety Council, and the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers.

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Safety Stand-Down
any time during the week of
JUNE 2-6, 2014

Announcements

- National Safety Stand-Down starts June 2! Falls are completely preventable with the right planning and training. We invite you to participate in the National Safety Stand-Down.
- **New** [OSHA announces national stand-down for fall prevention in construction](#) [3/19/14]




[Please join us in the 2014 construction fall prevention Stand-Down. Stop falls and save lives.](#)

Note: Page will be active on June 2nd.

Employers will be able to provide feedback and download Certificates of Participation on their experience June 2 to July 15, 2014 following their stand-down.

Share Your Story With Us

If you want to share information with OSHA on your Safety Stand-Down, Fall Prevention Programs or suggestions on how we can improve future initiatives like this, please send your email to oshastanddown@dol.gov.



Fall Prevention Training Guide
A Lesson Plan for Employers

[Download it here](#)

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Latest Tweets

- Q: How do you prevent falls? A: Plan. Provide. Train. #StopFalls and #Save Lives with #OSHA National Safety Stand-Down
<https://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/mediareources.html>
- Falls are the leading cause of death in #construction. Don't let it happen to you, take part in the stand-down
<http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/index.html> #OSHA
- #StandDown4Safety on your jobsite with #OSHA. Access the campaign page for resources
<https://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/index.html>
- Falls are completely preventable with the right planning and training. Start with the National Safety Stand-Down!
www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown #OSHA
- FACT: #falls are the leading cause of death in #construction. #OSHA encourages your workplace to #StandDown4Safety
<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown>



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Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful Stand-Down

1. **Try to start early.** Designate a coordinator to organize the stand down. If you have multiple work sites, identify the team that will lead the stand down at each site.
2. **Think about asking your subcontractors, owner, architects, engineers, or others** associated with your project to participate in the stand down.
3. **Consider reviewing your fall prevention program.** This will help provide a more effective stand down.
 - a. *What types of falls could happen::*
 - Falls from ladders
 - Falls from a roof
 - Falls from a scaffold
 - Falls down stairs
 - Falls from a structural steel
 - Falls through a floor or roof opening
 - Falls through a fragile roof surface
 - b. *What needs improvement? Is your program meeting its goals? Are you experiencing fatalities, injuries, or near misses? Are employees aware of the company's fall protection procedures?*
 - c. *What training have you provided to your workers? Does it need revision?*
 - d. *What equipment have you provided to your workers? Is better equipment available?*
4. **Develop presentations or activities that will meet your needs.** Decide what information will be best for your workplace and workers. The meeting should provide information to workers about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations. Hands-on exercises (a worksite walkaround, equipment checks, etc.) can increase retention.
5. **Decide when to hold the stand down and how long it will last.** Decide if the stand down will take place over a break, a lunch period, or some other time.
6. **Promote the stand down.** Try to make it interesting to workers. Some employers find that serving snacks increases participation.
7. **Hold your stand down.** Try to make it positive and interactive. Let workers talk about their experiences and encourage them to make suggestions.
8. **Follow up.** If you learned something that could improve your fall prevention program, consider making changes.

Fall Prevention Resources

Employers may distribute pre-printed training materials, e.g., "Safety" Brochures, and OSHA's Fall Prevention Campaign Resources consisting of: OSHA Fall Prevention Facts Sheets, Posters, Wallet Cards, Training Guide, Quick-Cards and Ladder/Safety Guidance materials located in:

- [OSHA's Educational Materials and Resources for Workers and Employers](#)
- [OSHA's Fall Prevention Training](#)
- [OSHA's Falls Prevention Campaign \(en español\)](#)
- [OSHA's Publications](#)
- [OSHA's Media Resources](#)
- [OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down Poster](#)

Educational Materials & Resources for Workers & Employers

Fact Sheet

[English](#) Also available as a 1 MB [PDF](#).

[En español](#) Also available as a 1 MB [PDF](#).

[Polish/Polski](#) [1 MB PDF*, 2 pages]

[Russian/русский](#) [1 MB PDF*, 2 pages]

Poster

[English](#). Also available as a 1 MB [PDF](#).

[En español](#). Also available as a 1 MB [PDF](#).

Fall Prevention Wallet Card

[English](#) [934 KB PDF*, 2 page]

[En español](#) [966 KB PDF*, 2 page]

[Portuguese](#) [940 KB PDF*, 2 page]

Ladder Safety Guidance

Falling Off Ladders Can Kill: Use Them Safely - Booklet

[1.3 MB [PDF*](#) | [EPUB*](#) | [MOBI*](#), 16 pages]

Safe Use of Extension Ladders - Fact Sheet (English) [554 KB [PDF*](#), 3 pages]

Safe Use of Job-made Wooden Ladders - Fact Sheet (English) [656 KB [PDF*](#), 2 pages]

Safe Use of Stepladders - Fact Sheet (English) [515 KB [PDF*](#), 2 pages]

NIOSH [Ladder safety phone app](#)^ℹ - English and Spanish

Additional Educational Materials

[Construction Industry](#)

[Fall Protection in Residential Construction](#)

[Fall Protection Safety and Health Topics page](#)

OSHA Construction eTool - [Falls](#)

[OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Campaign](#)

OSHA Alliance Program Toolbox talks and Training products

- [Aerial Devices and Elevating Equipment](#)
- [Fall Protection](#)
- [Ladder Safety](#)

OSHA Scaffold eTool

[NIOSH: Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction](#)^ℹ

Training Materials

OSHA Fall Prevention Training Guide – A Lesson Plan for Employers, includes tool box talks. [[PDF*](#) 3.9MB | [EPUB*](#) 2.6MB | [MOBI*](#) 1.5MB]

CPWR: Stop Construction Falls:^ℹ contains educational and training tools including the fatality map.

Prevention Videos (v-Tools)

Falls in Construction

- [Floor Openings](#)
- [Fixed Scaffolds](#)
- [Bridge Decking](#)
- [Reroofing](#)
- [Leading Edge Work](#)

California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE)

- [Solar Industry](#)^ℹ
- [Skylights](#)^ℹ

Other Resources

[Worker's Page - OSHA](#)

[Small Business - OSHA](#)

[State Plans](#)

[On-site Consultation](#)