

Join the
National Safety
Stand-Down

To Prevent Falls in Construction

MAY 4-15, 2015



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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 279 of the 806 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 2014.

2015 Stand-Down Goals

Last year's Stand-Down was a tremendous success, reaching more than 1 million workers. This year, OSHA's goal is for more than 20,000 Stand-Downs involving more than 3 million workers to take place from May 4-15, 2015. If we meet this goal, we will have touched almost 4 out of 10 construction workers in the country.

Who Can Participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent falls in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down. Last year, participants included commercial construction companies of all sizes, residential construction contractors, sub- and independent contractors, highway construction companies, general industry employers, the U.S. Military, other government participants, unions, employer's trade associations, institutes, worker interest organizations, and safety equipment manufacturers.

Partners

OSHA is partnering with key groups to assist with this effort, including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), 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, the National Construction Safety Executives (NCSE), the U.S. Air Force, and the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers.

What is a Safety Stand-Down?

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

How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down and [FAQ's](#)

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the May 4-15, 2015. See [Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down"](#) and [Highlights from the 2014 Stand-Down](#). OSHA also hosts an [Events](#) page with events that are free and open to the public to help employers and workers find events in your area.

Certificate of Participation

Employers will be able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down and download a Certificate of Participation signed by Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez following the Stand-Down.

Share Your Plans 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. If you plan to host a free event that is open to the public, see OSHA's [Events](#) page for more information and to contact your Regional Stand-Down Coordinator.

Announcements

- [Stand Tall, Stand Proud and Stand-Down for Fall Safety!](#). OSHA News Release, (2015, February 18). OSHA will host second-annual Fall Safety Stand-Down May 4-15, 2015.

Stand-Down Partners

- [NAOSH Week 2015: May 3-9](#). ASSE's North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH).
- [Safety week 2015](#). National Construction Safety Executive's (NCSE).



Highlights from the 2014 Stand-Down

Last year, OSHA hosted the first ever National Fall Prevention Stand-Down.



- [2014 Stand-Down Highlights](#)
- [Analysis of OSHA'S National Falls Campaign Stand-Down Data](#) (PDF) based on the downloaded certificates of participation data.

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