

Join the  
National Safety  
**Stand-Down**  
To Prevent Falls in Construction

MAY 2-6, 2016



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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 337 of the 874 construction fatalities recorded in 2014 (BLS preliminary data). **Those deaths were preventable.** Fall prevention safety standards were among the top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards, during fiscal year 2014.

### 2016 Stand-Down Goals

Last year's Stand-Down was a tremendous success, reaching more than 2.5 million workers. This year, OSHA's goal is to reach 5 million workers. If we meet this goal, we will have touched more than half of the construction workers in the country.

### Who Can Participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent falls in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down. In past years, 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](#)

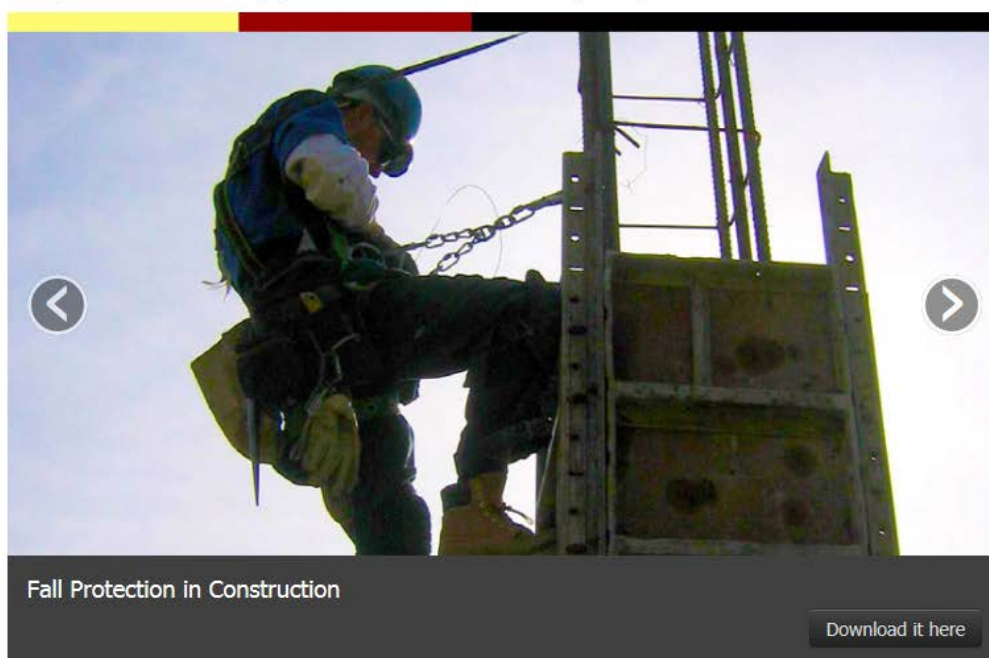
Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the May 2-6, 2016. See [Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down"](#) and [Highlights from the Previous Stand-Downs](#). 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 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](mailto: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

- [National Safety Stand-Down highlights importance of preventing falls, leading cause of worker death, serious injury in the construction industry. OSHA, other federal agencies announce weeklong initiative, May 2-6, 2016. \(2016 February 16\)](#)

### Stand-Down Videos



### Stand-Down Posters



### Stand-Down Partners

- Standing Tall with OSHA on Fall Safety Stand-Down. National Safety Council (NSC).
- ASSE's North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH).

### Highlights from the Previous Stand-Downs

- [The National Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction Final Report on the 2014 & 2015 Safety Stand-Downs \(PDF\\*\)](#). CPWR - The Center for Construction Research & Training, (2015, October). A quantitative and qualitative analysis on data collected from OSHA's Stand-Down Certificate of Participation database.
- [2014 Stand-Down Highlights](#)



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