

# Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction

## Safety Pays. Falls Cost.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training, and the NORA Construction Sector Council (a national government-labor-management partnership) have launched a national campaign to prevent falls, the leading cause of work-related injury and deaths in construction.

### *Why a campaign?*

- More than 10,000 construction workers were hurt and another 255 killed at work in 2010 after falling from a height.<sup>1</sup>
- Falls from heights cause the second-highest rate of nonfatal injuries and illnesses resulting in days away from work.<sup>2</sup>
- Almost two-thirds (65%) of fatal falls in construction occur among workers employed by small firms—those with 10 or fewer employees.<sup>3</sup>

### *Access a wealth of resources*

The campaign materials offer three simple steps to preventing falls: **Plan. Provide. Train.** Find out more by accessing these resources.

**www.stopconstructionfalls.com** (hosted by CPWR—The Center for Construction Research and Training) is your comprehensive source of campaign information. On this site, you can:

- Become a campaign partner
- Sign up for regular updates by clicking the RSS feed icon in the upper-right corner of the page
- Download all the latest campaign materials.

**www.osha.gov/stopfalls** is OSHA's campaign site where you can order print copies of the campaign poster and fact sheet in English and Spanish.

**www.cdc.gov/niosh/construction/stopfalls.html** is the NIOSH campaign website with links to the NIOSH FACE program and other useful resources.

### *Get involved*

- Join the campaign! Email [falls@cpwr.com](mailto:falls@cpwr.com) or visit [www.stopconstructionfalls.com](http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com).
- Add a link to [www.stopconstructionfalls.com](http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com) from your website.
- Send out an email blast and run an article in your newsletter announcing the campaign.
- Read and comment on NIOSH's recent campaign Science Blog: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2012/04/falls>.
- Link the campaign's Facebook page! Post campaign-related info, photos, events, comments, and resources. Search "stop construction falls" to find the page.
- Follow @NIOSHConstruct on Twitter and retweet the latest campaign news.

NIOSH, OSHA, CPWR, and the NORA Construction Sector Council would like to support you in any way they can. For more information, please email [falls@cpwr.com](mailto:falls@cpwr.com) or visit [www.stopconstructionfalls.com/](http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com/).

**Remember: Safety Pays, Falls Cost. The best in the business play it safe.**

<sup>1</sup> US Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injury 1992-2008. (private sector workers only)

<sup>2</sup> US Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey of Occupational Injury and Illness 2008. (private sector workers only)

<sup>3</sup> Dong XS, Fujimoto A, Ringen K, Men Y. (2009) Fatal Falls Among Hispanic Construction Workers. *Accident Analysis and Prevention* 41:1047-1052.

