Safway Group locations throughout North America participated in the Stop Falls Stand Down on Monday, June 2, 2014.

Partnering with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) on a national campaign to prevent falls, the leading cause of work-related injuries, Safway crews stopped work to talk about three key principles:

PLAN! - Every job should be approached with a careful plan to eliminate potential hazards (including fall hazards) and to optimize safe work practices. This should include evaluating the need for safety equipment.

EQUIP! - Before work begins, we must make certain everyone has the right equipment. Fall arrest equipment or systems can vary based upon site conditions and use. We also need to reinforce the need to inspect, wear and maintain equipment properly and remind all employees that if they have questions about equipment, they should ask.

TRAIN! - Any employee who is exposed to potential fall hazards are to be trained to recognize fall hazards and develop methods to minimize the hazards, including the proper wear, use, inspection, care and maintenance of the fall protection system.

Injuries in the workplace are preventable. Safway employees have the authority to STOP WORK, if they see unsafe practices or if they see someone not adhering to Safway’s 100% tie-off policy. It is up to each of us to plan and implement every job safely, equip ourselves with proper safety provisions and ensure that we educate ourselves on mitigating safety hazards in the workplace.

Thanks to everyone for participating!

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Benicia branch employees discussed the importance of the three key principles of the Stop Falls campaign: PLAN, EQUIP and TRAIN, gathered for a group photo (above) and enjoyed treats (below).
All three teams from Shell Scotford site gathered to talk about fall prevention.

Shell Scotford maintenance crew

Shell Scotford projects group

Shell Scotford manufacturing construction group
Fort McMurray Site Administrator Janine Meagher’s dog, Maggie, proudly promotes the Stop Falls campaign.

Employees at the Safway Canada Suncor site come together to discuss the Stop Falls campaign while breaking for lunch.

Logan Moen, Bryan Smith, and Travis Black at the Saskatchewan Stop Falls Stand Down.

Saskatchewan Branch Manager Don Black.
Fort McMurray employees (shown above) gather together to review the Stop Falls information.

Saskatchewan Operations Manager Ernie Finley.

The Manitoba crew takes time to discuss preventing falls.
Safway Nashville Branch prominently displays key safety messages onsite (above left). All employees attended a breakfast meeting to discuss mitigation of safety hazards and received a commemorative t-shirt.

Redi Solutions employees at the Barrick LCM Project look on as Ramon Barajas (left side in blue shirt) leads a discussion on fall-arrest equipment.

Redi Solutions employee, Cipriano Salmeron, shows his support of the Stop Falls campaign.
Redi Solutions Tonopah heat trace crew gathered together for a luncheon and a Stop Falls discussion, led by Project Manager Jeff Nash.

Left to right: Musa Ersoy, Denis Biltekin and Akan Pinar add their Stop Falls stickers to their hard hats.
Employees at the Safway Canada Saskatchewan Branch come together to discuss the Stop Falls campaign while breaking for lunch.
Shell Albian employees (three above photos) all gathered together to talk about Stop Falls!
(Above two photos) Shell Albian employees come together to talk about fall prevention.
Field and warehouse employees gathered together for a luncheon at the St. Louis Branch. After lunch, Branch Manager Joe Thacker (above left) led the group in a discussion about safety, emphasizing the importance of each employee’s STOP WORK authority.

Above left to right: Sales Rep. Tony Weber; Regional Distribution Center/Operations Manager Lorenda “Sue” Thacker; and Construction Manager Josh Tohtz.
Seattle Branch Manager John May (above center, black jacket) hands out Stop Falls bandanas to his employees during a safety luncheon.

Seattle employees gather together with their Stop Falls gear.
The Benicia team at the Valero Site show their support of the Stop Falls initiatives.

The Belle Chase P66 crew at their Stop Falls Stand Down meeting.
Milwaukee Superintendent Jason York (above left) discusses fall-arrest safety with the Hampton Inn crew members. Chad Maas (above) looks over his Stop Falls handout.

Sacramento employees discussed the Stop Falls campaign over a morning meal and gathered together to show their support of PLAN, EQUIP, and TRAIN strategies.