

2018 National Safety Stand-Down

May 7-11

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WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SAFETY STAND-DOWN?

The Safety Stand-Down is the major event associated with OSHA, NIOSH, & CPWR's Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction. The goal is to raise fall hazard awareness and prevent fall fatalities and injuries. It's an opportunity for employers to pause work and have a conversation with workers about fall hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations. This should also be an opportunity for workers to talk to management about fall hazards they see.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Participation began with, but is not limited to the construction industry, and no business is too large or small to participate. In previous years, we've had participants in residential construction, commercial construction, industrial construction, mining, general industry, and more. In fact, the largest single participant in 2015 and 2016 was the United States Air Force, reaching more than 1 million military and civilian personnel. Also, nearly half of certificates for participation completed through OSHA's website were for Stand-Downs with less than 25 workers.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN IN?

Falls are a leading cause of death for workers, accounting for 350 of the 937 construction fatalities and 648 of the 4,836 fatalities in all industries recorded in 2015 (BLS data). But they are also preventable! Hazard elimination, proper training, and use of fall protection can change these numbers.

WHEN CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The 5th annual National Safety Stand-Down will officially take place May 7-11, 2018. During this week, major campaign partners will be providing resources and hosting stand-down events across the nation and internationally, but participation is encouraged year-round!

WHERE?

Over the last few years, thousands of companies held their own stand-downs, reaching millions of workers across all 50 states and internationally! In 2017 over 150 public events were also held across the country. You can organize your own stand-down on your jobsite(s), join with others in your area to hold an event, or check out a list of regional events open to the public at www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/calendar.html.

How?

The Campaign website stopconstructionfalls.com provides ideas for participation on your jobsite through a 5-Day Plan, Success Story examples of past events, and a variety of resources such as toolbox talks, inspection check lists, videos, and free hardhat stickers that can be ordered at stopconstructionfalls.com/online-ordering-form/ while supplies last. **After you've participated, don't forget to get an OSHA certificate at www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html#cert!**