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OSHA teams up with Montgomery County, Md. to prevent fatal falls in construction

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has teamed with the Montgomery County Worker Health and Safety Commission to spread the word about preventing fatal falls in construction, which are the leading cause of death in the industry.

With new posters on display in Montgomery County's public bus system, riders can learn about OSHA's nationwide Campaign to Prevent Fatal Falls in Construction, which is raising awareness about the hazards of working from heights in construction and the necessary steps to keep workers safe (such as harness and lines for roof work). The posters direct riders to call 1-800-OSHA or visit OSHA's Web page to learn more about the outreach campaign, which includes educational materials, training resources, local events and more.

Posters went up on March 1, 2013, inside more than 200 buses across the county and will remain on display for several months. Montgomery County has a ridership of 30 million per year. For more information on the campaign and to see the new bus posters, go to www.osha.gov/stopfalls.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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