

**2015 Update from Six State OH Surveillance
Programs Supporting the
National Fall Prevention in Construction
Campaign - Part I of II**

(reporting period was July 2014 through June 2015,
information extracted from state report)



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KENTUCKY

Construction injury prevention; a change in business safety policy

The National Safety Council highlighted 14KY008 "Hispanic Laborer Killed when Struck by Falling Plywood on a Commercial Construction Site" and 13KY059 "Roofers Die After Gust of Wind Knocks Him and a Co-Worker Off Roof" in their monthly magazine in April 2015. Based on 14KY008 report recommendations, the employer implemented the following subcontractor policies: 1) required net use to catch falling debris; 2) required use of toe boards on all jobs; and 3) no work performed while workers are laboring above. The company invited our FACE investigator to speak to their workers (n=70) at the national stand down for falls campaign in April 2015, where pamphlets, post cards and a fall protection knowledge test were discussed and also requested for future use in their stand-down pre-work meetings. In support of the National Annual Stand-down for Falls campaign, our FACE investigator also appeared on NBC television, spoke in a radio talk show, and wrote a University of Kentucky article in April 2015.

See separate success story article (to be posted on NIOSH OEP webpage).

OREGON

Intervention for preventing fatalities in construction.

OR-FACE partnered with the Pacific Northwest OSHA Education center to develop an outreach

strategy for the national safety stand down campaign for fall prevention in construction. In addition to OR-OSHA and a local safety equipment supplier (Capital Safety), local advocacy groups (ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter, Columbia Willamette Chapter - Associated General Contractors, Home Builders Association, and SafeBuild Alliance) were contacted for collaboration and participation.

SafeBuild Alliance sponsored a Kick-Off event on May 1, with approximately 100 attendees. Posters were displayed of employer planned safety activities. Proclamations by cities, counties, and state for Safety Week were posted.

Free training, OSHA 7405, Fall Prevention Awareness in construction was conducted on May 8. There were 40 attendees. Speakers included OSHA Region X Director Cecil Tipton, OR-FACE, and OR-OSHA. The day included a question/answer session with a panel comprised of the speakers and partner representatives.

Campaign information dissemination included posting on OR-FACE and partner (AGC, HBA, SafeBuild Alliance) websites, announcements at association meetings with emails to members, article in ASSE newsletter, and articles on the Oregon and the Workplace Blog.

NEW YORK STATE

Increasing awareness of the Campaign.

Staff completed a news piece "Construction Falls Kill Workers -Join the National Safety Stand-Down to

Prevent Falls in Construction (May 4-15).” It was published in the May issue of the Injury Prevention News - a monthly electronic newsletter published by the Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury Prevention. The newsletter is disseminated to 550 local public health and safety professionals.



MASSACHUSETTS

Fall prevention in residential construction.

The MA FACE coordinator participates on the NORA Construction team, sharing state public health agency perspectives, during biannual meetings. MA FACE continues to promote preventing falls in construction in MA. This year, MA FACE supported the National Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction by conducting a combination of email and in-person outreach to promote the campaign’s National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

Email dissemination:

MA FACE reached out to all MA municipalities, approved course providers for MA construction licenses, and MA vocational school superintendents and principals. Emails explained the national campaign and safety stand-down, last year’s success of these events, and how to participate this year.

Emails also included three links which included the CPWR safety stand-down getting started guide, fall prevention resources and training materials on the

OSHA website, and the certificate of completion page on the OSHA website page.

Emails to the approved course providers encouraged them to talk about the campaign and safety stand-down during construction related courses and to include information on their websites about the campaign and safety stand-down.

In person outreach:

MA FACE worked with the Region I OSHA Andover, MA Office and the MA On-site Consultation program to attend and present at their sponsored fall protection trainings for residential roofers held on April 30, May 5 and 7, 2015. Ninety (90) persons total attended three trainings. MA FACE handed all participants of these trainings informational packets. The packets included a set of the four previously developed MA FACE fall prevention brochures, fact sheets, and guides.

MA FACE presented at these trainings on the campaign and the safety stand-down, explaining how to participate and obtain the certificate of completion, and stressing the importance of fall protection, talking to employees about fall protection, and keeping an open line of communication with employees about safety and possible job hazards.

WASHINGTON STATE

Prevention resources on the web.

WA FACE created new prevention resources for employers, health and safety professionals, and workers. Five Construction Fatality Narratives and Slideshows translated into Spanish language.

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/research/pubs/byindustry.asp?SB=I&I=23>

SHARP Program **Focus** e-Newsletter - summer 2015 edition. Stand-Down to Stop Construction Falls

Falls remain the leading cause of work-related fatalities in the construction industry. In May, SHARP partnered with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries and OSHA to

support the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction. During the two-week stand-down, construction companies took time out of their workdays to talk to their employees about fall hazards and fall prevention. Find fall prevention resources from SHARP and others.

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Research/Focus/Summer2015.asp>

2015 Safety Stand-Down Supporters:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Research/Focus/Summer2015.asp>

IOWA

Increasing awareness of the Campaign, and debunking misinformation by media

Iowa Hawkeye on Safety Construction Conference display (Stop Falls Campaign) and presentation (Construction and Lead Exposure) on Oct. 1, 2014, Coralville IA.

Master Builders of Iowa Conference display highlighting adult lead exposures, the Stop Construction Falls campaign, and Iowa FACE data, Feb. 24-25, 2015, Altoona IA.

Iowa-Illinois Safety Council Professional Development Conference display (including Stop Falls Campaign) and presentation (F.A.C.E. of Midwest Worker Injuries and Fatalities utilizing OHI and FACE data, plus additional BLS CFOI and SOII data analysis for the Midwest), Apr. 23-24, 2015, Dubuque IA.

Iowa FACE responded to June 2015 media coverage of an incident involving two fatal construction falls by providing fall data and resource links, including a link to the CPWR Stop Falls Campaign website (media stated that construction deaths were rare).

To learn more about states OH surveillance programs and their education and training materials, please visit [State OSH websites](#).