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Safety Pays Falls Cost

Are You Ready for the 5th Annual Stand-Down to Stop Construction Falls?

Falls continue to be the number one cause of construction workplace fatalities, claiming the lives of hundreds of construction workers every year. And sadly, as our economy has recovered from the recession these numbers have climbed along with it - in 2016, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 388 fatal falls in construction.

The [Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) was launched to fight this ongoing tragedy. Led by CPWR, NIOSH, and OSHA, the Campaign is gearing up for its fifth annual **National Safety Stand-Down on May 7-11**.

Work will pause across the United States. Construction contractors, labor unions, and other organizations will conduct toolbox talks, safety audits, equipment demonstrations, and other activities to promote fall hazard awareness and fall prevention with hundreds of thousands of construction workers. Will you do your part?

Join the Campaign! Make plans now for your Safety Stand-Down. Don't know where to begin? Visit the [Campaign website](#) for ideas and resources. You'll find a [five-day plan](#) with suggested activities, [resources](#) such as scripted toolbox talks, handouts, and [infographics](#), and even an [online order form](#) where you can order free 2018 Safety Stand-Down hardhat stickers and Hazard Alert pocket cards addressing fall hazards. And when you're done, don't forget to submit a description of your Stand-Down on [OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down page](#) for a certificate of participation. You'll be glad you stepped up to Stop Construction Falls.

Why join the Fall Safety Stand-down? 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.

Below are all the resources needed for the Fall Safety Stand Down:

Campaign Website:

<http://stopconstructionfalls.com/about-the-campaign/whats-new/national-safety-stand-down-to-prevent-falls-in-construction/>

Five Day Stand-Down Plan:

<http://stopconstructionfalls.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-5-day-plan.pdf>

Additional Training Resources:

<http://stopconstructionfalls.com/prevent-falls-training-other-resources/>

Infographics:

<http://stopconstructionfalls.com/infographics/>

Participation Certificate:

<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html#cert>



Monthly Toolbox Talk

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Fall Safety Stand Down 5 Day Tool Box Talk Plan

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