

National Safety Stand-Down May 7-11
Region VIII
Available Outreach and Compliance Assistance Materials

In advance of the 5th annual [National Safety Stand-Down](#), which will take place May 7-11, 2018, we wanted to provide you with information about OSHA's available outreach and compliance assistance materials, and how to participate. The goal of the National Stand-Down is to raise fall hazard awareness, and prevent fall fatalities and injuries. Falls are a leading cause of death for workers, accounting for 370 of the 991 construction fatalities, and 697 of the 5,190 fatalities in all industries in 2016 (BLS data). The Stand-Down is an opportunity for employers to have a conversation with workers about fall hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations. It is also an opportunity for workers to talk to management about the fall hazards they see.

Over the last four years, thousands of companies, including members of our Alliance partners, have participated in the Stand-Down and reached millions of workers across all 50 states. Last year, over 130 public events were held nationwide. By continuing to reach millions of workers, OSHA hopes to decrease the number of fatalities and injuries related to falls recorded each year.

- **How to help:** Your organization can help in many different ways, including: sending Stand-Down information by email or in newsletters, providing Stand-Down resources to members or stakeholders, encouraging organization members to participate, hosting or organizing public Stand-Down events, and contacting local media to share Stand-Down events or success stories. If you have other ideas for ways to help, let us know at oshastanddown@dol.gov!
- **Associations, Unions, Worker Interest Organizations:** Associations/Unions/Organizations can help OSHA get the word out to their members via email or in newsletters, by posting information on their websites, and by talking about the Stand-Down at meetings, trainings, or events. Groups may also be able to personalize Stand-Down posters and training resources for members to use; please email us at oshastanddown@dol.gov.
- **Institutes/Training Centers:** In the past, many groups that provide training have offered free or discounted training – both in person and online – during the Stand-Down week or month. This is a great way to help! If Institutes offer free training that is open to the public, OSHA can add this information to its Stand-Down webpage, so let us know by emailing us at oshastanddown@dol.gov.
- **Employers as Partners:** Large employers have helped by getting their entire workforce involved, across the country and internationally. Employers can push out information, ideas, and suggestions for how to hold a stand-down to all of their offices. Some large employers have also hosted or co-hosted Stand-Down events, including events that are open to the public.
- **Events:** OSHA will post [events](#) that are free and open to the public on its webpage to help employers and workers find events in their area. If a company or organization wants to post a free event that is open to the public (including any

members of the press) on the webpage, or would like to invite OSHA to participate in a free public event, they can contact the [OSHA Stand-Down Coordinator in their Region](#) for additional information.

- **Resources:** OSHA has [FREE resources](#) on the Stand-Down webpage. Resources in English and Spanish include fact sheets, a training guide, posters, videos, wallet cards, and instructions on how to conduct a Stand-Down.
- **CERTIFY your Stand-Down!** As in previous years, employers will be able to download Certificates of Participation and provide feedback on their experiences following their Stand-Down. Certificates are the main way that OSHA receives feedback on how many employers participated and ideas for improvement, so that OSHA can evaluate the Stand-Down's success and make changes in the future. Certificates will be available on OSHA's webpage beginning May 7, 2018.
- **Connect online:** Partners and employers can follow OSHA on @OSHA_DOL and tweet a message about fall prevention with #StandDown4Safety and #construction. Employers can also connect with workers on their phones, and text or email them messages about fall protection safety. Let us know how your Stand-Down went by emailing us at oshastanddown@dol.gov or reaching out to your [Stand-Down Coordinator](#).
- **Materials Suppliers:** Materials suppliers can help get the word out and remind employers to consider fall hazards. Consider including fliers about the Stand-Down or about fall safety with construction materials orders.

NIOSH and CWPR Webinar: A free “Fall Prevention Stand-Down” webinar is scheduled for March 21, 2018. The [hour-long webinar](#) on the [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) will showcase plans for the 2018 event. Representatives from OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and CPWR—The Center for Construction Research and Training will participate.

Thank you very much for your support!

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