

Stand-Down to Save Lives

2019 National Safety Stand-Down May 6-10

After adding more than 50,000 jobs in January alone, the construction industry shows no signs of slowing down. As more people join the workforce, our commitment to worker safety is even more important. Although falls from heights decreased from 2016 to 2017 according to BLS data, falls are still the leading cause of death in the construction industry – they can and should be prevented.

Addressing falls in construction is the reason why each year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) holds a National Safety Stand-Down to prevent Falls in the Construction industry. OSHA encourages employers to take a break to focus on safety concerns surrounding falls from elevation. Stand-down events provide employers and workers the opportunity to talk about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety and health programs, goals, and expectations.

Last year, thousands of worksites participated in the campaign and the Stand-Down event reached over a million workers. OSHA invites employers to dedicate themselves yet again to the safety of their most valuable resource: their workers.

OSHA's Stand-Down [webpage](#) offers information on conducting a successful event, and educational resources. Employers are encouraged to provide feedback after their events, and to obtain a personalized certificate of participation.

The National Safety Stand-Down is a joint effort between [OSHA](#), the [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#), and [CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training](#).

To learn how you can participate in the Stand-Down, visit www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown.

