

National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls – May 6–10, 2024

Falls remain a leading cause of worker injuries and fatalities, accounting for over one-third of all on-the-job deaths in the construction industry alone. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is partnering once again with key groups to support its campaign focused on fall hazards and fall prevention. Originating in 2012 as a two-year effort to raise awareness of preventing fall hazards in construction, it since expanded to all industries and organizations of any size, recognizing falls can and do happen in manufacturing, transportation, agriculture, or any other industry involving work at heights.

This year’s partner organizations include the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), OSHA approved State Plans, State consultation programs, the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR), the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), the National Safety Council (NSC), the National Construction Safety Executives (NCSE), the U.S. Air Force, and the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers. Anyone wanting to prevent hazards in the workplace can participate.

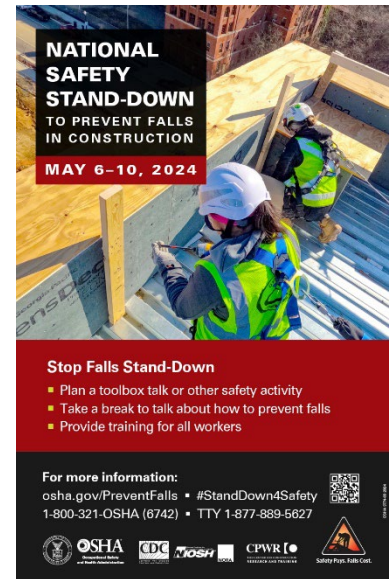


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The [OSHA National Safety Stand-Downⁱ](https://www.osha.gov/PreventFalls) page provides stand-down resources, including materials to conduct a stand-down, videos, fact sheets, quizzes, training guides, and a list of OSHA regional and virtual events.

The [NSC National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Fallsⁱⁱ](https://www.nsc.org/workplace/safety-topics/slips-trips-and-falls/osha-fall-safety-stand-down) webpage provides even more information, resources, and even a Certification of Participation employers can post to recognize “...the time and effort each organization devotes to talking about preventing falls with their crew.”

The SMCX also provides several resources related to fall hazards and fall protection:

One Pager	Key Considerations for Inspecting Fall Protection Equipment	PDF	
Webinar Recording	Getting a Grasp on Controls for Slip, Trip, and Fall Hazards	MP4	ZIP
Webinar Recording	Five Solutions to Reduce Fall Hazard Risks	MP4	ZIP

For additional information on DoD SMCX services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smcx.org/>.

ⁱ <https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down>

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