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Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees, accounting for 370 of the 991 construction fatalities recorded in 2016 (BLS data). **Those deaths were preventable.** The National Safety Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries.

What is a Safety Stand-Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention". Employers of companies not exposed to fall hazards, can also use this opportunity to have a conversation with employees about the other job hazards they face, protective methods, and the company's safety policies and goals. It can also be an opportunity for employees to talk to management about fall and other job hazards they see.

Who Can Participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent hazards in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down. In past years, participants included commercial construction companies of all sizes, residential construction contractors, sub- and independent contractors, highway construction companies, general industry employers, the U.S. Military, other government participants, unions, employer's trade associations, institutes, employee interest organizations, and safety equipment manufacturers.

How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down and [FAQ's](#)

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime May 7-11, 2018. See [Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down"](#) and [Highlights from](#)

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[the Past Stand-Downs](#). OSHA also hosts an [Events page](#) with events that are free and open to the public to help employers and employees find events in your area.

Certificate of Participation

Employers will be able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down and download a Certificate of Participation following the Stand-Down.

Share Your Story with OSHA or AGC of Colorado

If you want to share information with OSHA or AGC of Colorado on your Safety Stand-Down, Fall Prevention Programs or suggestions on how we can improve future initiatives like this, please send your email to oshastanddown@dol.gov or bradley@agccolorado.org.

Also share your Stand-Down story on social media, with the hashtag: **#StandDown4Safety**.

OSHA Link: [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#)

If you would like any free OSHA material for your Stand-Down event, please contact Brad Gassman by Phone: 303-388-2422 or E-Mail: bradley@agccolorado.org. (wallet cards, posters, hard hat stickers)



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