

# Participate in OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down.

In 2014, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) held its first annual National Safety Stand-Down. The event reached over one million workers from companies of all sizes across the U.S. Due to its success, the Stand-Down continues to grow in popularity, and Nationwide® encourages you to join with other employers each year to help your workers prevent falls on the job.

## What is a Safety Stand-Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is an opportunity for employers to talk directly to their workers about fall prevention. It can include meetings, interactive exercises or attending local public events. Activities can include toolbox talks, equipment inspections, jobsite audits, rescue plan development or going over your company's safety policies. You can plan these activities to fit around your schedule and, as noted below, tailor them to fit your needs.

## Who can participate?

As long as you have workers who can benefit from reinforcing fall safety education, you can participate. Contractors, subcontractors, engineers and anyone else in danger of injury due to the work they perform should be involved in the annual Stand-Down. Past participants have included residential contractors, highway construction companies, unions, safety equipment manufacturers and even the U.S. military. No matter the size of your business, your participation is important to protecting your employees.

## How to get started.

The first step in organizing your own Stand-Down is to designate a coordinator. Elect a manager or other safety professional who will plan the right activities for your workers. Advise your coordinator to provide the resources to help communicate your message to workers, including information about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations.

## Tailor a program that's right for your business.

Each year, the National Safety Stand-Down is held for a weeklong session, and there are a number of ways you can choose to make it a meaningful experience:

- **Organize in-house meetings and activities to involve your employees.** This can be done at any time during the scheduled Stand-Down week and at any frequency. Announcing policy and procedure updates, taking time to perform equipment checks and presenting safety videos are just a few ideas for your event.
- **Encourage your employees to participate.** Whether you have workers share their experiences with their peers, or arrange hands-on exercises to reinforce their safety knowledge, make sure everyone gets involved. This can also be an opportunity to review safety plans and obtain feedback from the people who use them. Be sure to promote your events within your organization beforehand.



## When is the next National Safety Stand-Down?

To learn the dates for the next national event — and to get more information about how you and your workers can participate — visit: [osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown](http://osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown).

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- **Attend a local event.** Between 30-60 days in advance of the national Stand-Down, clicking on the Events tab on the OSHA website (see Page 1) will reveal a calendar of activities in your area that are open to the public.
- **Contact an OSHA representative.** The Events page on the OSHA site also links you to a list of phone numbers for Regional Stand-Down Coordinators who can assist with your planning.
- **Share your event.** There is no cost to join the Stand-Down and you do not need to register. However, you can send an email to oshastanddown@dol.gov to inform OSHA of your participation. Once the designated week has ended, you can also download a Certificate of Completion for your efforts.

**Other organizations that support this effort.**

OSHA partners with key groups to assist with this effort, including:

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA)
- OSHA-approved state plans
- State consultation programs
- Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR)
- American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
- National Safety Council (NSC)
- National Construction Safety Executives (NCSE)
- U.S. Air Force
- OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers

**TIMELY INFORMATION TO HELP PREVENT FALLS.**

Read our Portable Ladder Safety Program brochure and Ladder-Alternative Jobsite technical reference sheet for information on how to enhance your company's fall prevention efforts. Perfect for review by you and your workers as part of your National Safety Stand-Down event. To get copies, contact your agent or Nationwide Loss Control Services representative.



Providing solutions to help our members manage risk.<sup>SM</sup>



For your risk management and safety needs, contact Nationwide Loss Control Services: 1-866-808-2101 or LCS@nationwide.com.