

## 2020 Kickoff: National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

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The last thing that employer wants is someone injured or killed on their jobsite regardless of the hazard. So the incentive is to make sure to evaluate the workplace, train employees to avoid these preventable injuries – that in itself should be incentive enough. Having been in the safety business 30 years, over 25 with OSHA many times I've visited workplaces as a compliance officer that said how could this happen. When you look into the investigation you can see where mistakes were made. Most were not intentional, some are (call those 'willful classifications'). Incentive: get educated and get informed on these hazards and how to mitigate them in the workplace. It's important to prevent unnecessary and preventable tragedies in construction industry related to falls."

"We have done work on return on investment on safety. There is an economic case to incorporate safety into everything we do. Beyond the economics, it's an issue of doing the right thing. Anytime there is a fall with a serious injury or fatality, it's a terrible tragedy that affects the workforce, business, family. These fall fatalities are preventable with simple controls or precautions that can be put into place to make a huge difference for workers and business."

"It's not just about falls, it's about providing a safe workplace. A lot of times very small contractors employee their family members. While safety may not be first thing on business owners mind, because they're trying to obtain work, manage work and do work his/herself. It's about providing leadership and understanding that these are employees under the OSH Act you're responsible for providing safe workplace. It's also about fostering good communicJTJO G(fo)-4(st)9(erin)4(g)4( go)7(o)-5(d)3( c)8(o)- 0 0 k92 reW\*3(n)3(ic)JTJO Grw9A3000301B50

other organizations to look into this area. We continue to make this a priority. We also recently launched \_\_\_\_\_ through the efforts of the NORA Construction Sector Council, which provides streamlined tools and resources to help small contractors 'plan, provide, train.' The section is also available in Spanish.

Construction Chart Book <https://www.cpwr.com/research/data-center/the-construction-chart-book/>

- See Section on “Fatal and Non Fatal Injuries” for fall specific data

CPWR Data Reports <https://www.cpwr.com/research/data-center/data-reports/>

- See new Sept 2020 Special Issue

We don't have all the answers for the factual causes underneath all the fatalities. We do have an opportunity to look at circumstances surrounding these construction worker fatalities through the [NIOSH FACE Program](#). FACE Reports, available online at the link, are rich in narrative language and context, however only certain fatalities are investigated under FACE Program. CPWR took the FACE reports and coded all the narratives into a database, so we could analyze and look for trends in underlying causes of the falls. [That database](#) is accessible online so you can actually analyze the data yourself. We have a few peer reviewed publications on this analysis to look at underlying causes to help us zero in on the sector the worker worked in or the type of construction but what are some of the causes. A lot of this work has informed this campaign and how we message and structure these activities around the campaign.

<http://stopconstructionfalls.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Fatal-falls-and-PFAS-use-in-the-construction-industry-Findings-from-the-NIOSH-FACE-reports.pdf>

<https://stopconstructionfalls.com/training-and-other-resources/on-demand-webinars/>

There is no one-size-fits-all instruction manual. Fall prevention needs to be tailored based on the trade, job site, work being done, access equipment available, etc.

Resources on all 3 ([CPWR](#), [NIOSH](#), [OSHA](#)) of our webpages provide numerous examples and guidance on methods that will protect employees in various sectors. On all three of our sites you will find information that will be very helpful to you in moving forward in protection workers from fall hazards form identifying fall hazards, to [developing fall prevention plan](#) (Eng. & Sp.), to ideas on training in person, to factsheets to all kinds of information to identify, prevent and train employees on how to remove fall hazards. Susan Harwood grantees also have a library of existing materials that assist on trainings to prevent falls. [OSHA consultation](#) is a tremendous force multiplier to help you.

NIOSH has some virtual training available on our website that will walk you through how to do an inspection of a [mast climber work platform](#) before you go up to elevation. Another tool is the [NIOSH Aerial Lift Hazard Recognition Simulator](#). We feel these web-based training tools that are interactive are an effective way to train construction workers.

In regard to training, there are multiple ways training can be conducted. As part of this pandemic a lot of people are doing online and

there is a requirement to protect employees from falls regardless of whether you're in construction industry or general industry."

OSHA: "We're seeing them more on the sites with new climbing style hardhats. Right now it's a best practice. Feedback from panelist: chin straps are used often in NYC where there are high wind areas. The adjustment dial also helps keep the hat stationary."

OSHA National Stand-Down Page: <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>  
OSHA Stand-Down Certificate Page: <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html#cert>  
OSHA Stop Falls Campaign Page: <https://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/>  
OSHA Consultation is available to help you develop programs to assist employers as well  
<https://www.osha.gov/consultation>  
OSHA Safety Pays <https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/safety-pays.html>

[www.stopconstructionfalls.com](http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com)

2020 Stand-Down Plan: <https://stopconstructionfalls.com/2020-stand-down-plan/>  
Social Media Posts: <https://stopconstructionfalls.com/social-media-post-ideas/>  
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[Click Here](#) to download a simple form to develop your Fall Prevention Plan.

[Click Here](#) to download your Daily Job Site Checklist for Recognizing and Preventing Falls

If you are ready to create a more detailed plan, [click here](#).

Construction Solutions: <http://www.cpwrconstructionsolutions.org/>

- Search by topic "Falls from heights"

CPWR's online ROI Calculator [www.safecalc.org](http://www.safecalc.org)

Construction Chart Book <https://www.cpwr.com/research/data-center/the-construction-chart-book/>

