

TO PREVENT STRUCK-BY INCIDENTS



In the construction industry, "safety stand-downs" are used to describe activities where normal work is paused and the entire site focuses on a specific safety issue. Some employers may use stand-downs to call attention to specific hazards present on their site as an intervention. The National Stand-Down to Prevent Struck-by Incidents 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 "Struck-by Hazards" and reinforcing the use of safety training, including the use of fall protection, and other safety measures.

careful planning, training, and the use of controls.

Contractors, workers, and safety professionals across the nation are invited to join this event. Workers can be educated on hazard prevention including topics such as avoiding blind-spots around large equipment, proper use of high-visibility clothing, creation of lift plans, use of tool tethers and safety nets, and use of safer pneumatic nail guns and other air-powered tools.

Your stand-down may be very short, comprised of a toolbox talk or a safety huddle where specific hazard controls are discussed, or it may be longer and include training and the provision of information on a variety of hazard controls. You might even use your stand-downs as an opportunity to inspect your jobsite procedures and personal protective equipment.

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