

## SAFETY DIRECTOR BULLETIN

**April 2021** 

## Join Us in Observing National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls



The National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction is May 3 – 7, 2021. The Stand-Down aims to raise fall hazard awareness in an effort to stop fatalities and injuries from falls. It 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.

Agencies with employees who work at heights greater than 4 feet on ladders, in bucket trucks or scissor lifts, on roofs or tops of trucks, or adjacent to deep pits, can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by providing Safety Briefings or other safety activities 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.

Visit OSHA's <u>National Safety Stand-Down page</u> and <u>Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful Stand-Down</u> for ideas how you can foster a dialogue with employees. Videos, graphics, and this year's poster in English and Spanish are available to support your efforts.

NIOSH is partnering with OSHA and is providing additional resources on their Stand-Down page.

The Safety Director will also be releasing daily resources during the week of May 3. Please join us in reducing these largely preventable injuries and deaths.