



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

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Falls still remain the leading cause of death among construction workers, accounting for 1 out of 3 construction fatalities – with groups like residential workers and roofers at an even higher than average risk. Thousands more suffer serious injuries because they lack the right safety equipment, the knowledge and training to prevent falls, or both. To prevent construction falls, the National Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction was launched through the NORA Construction Sector Council in 2012 with leadership from NIOSH, OSHA, and CPWR. Each year, the National Safety Stand-Down, where employers and workers take a break to focus on preventing falls, is the cornerstone of the campaign. This year, business leaders, labor organizations, community groups, and other construction industry stakeholders will participate in virtual or socially-distanced Stand-Down events from September 14–18.