

OSHA QuickTakes

Occupational Safety and Health Administration



A twice monthly newsletter with information about workplace safety and health.

National Fall Safety Stand-Down

Free webinar and live Facebook chat on roofing and construction safety to be held as part of National Safety Stand-Down

To raise awareness of fall hazards, OSHA, the [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#) and the [Center for Construction Research and Training](#) will hold the fourth annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction from May 8-12. The weeklong event encourages employers to pause during their workday for topic discussions, safety demonstrations, and trainings in hazard recognition and fall prevention.

As part of the Stand-Down, the National Roofing Contractors Association will [host a free webinar](#) on May 8 to discuss the hazards present after a worker has fallen from a roof and his or her personal fall-arrest system has deployed or activated. NRCA will also [host a live Facebook chat](#) on May 10 to discuss trending roofing and construction safety topics. For more events being held across the country, see OSHA's [Stand-Down events page](#).



New videos and infographics provide facts on falls



Falls are the leading cause of death for construction workers, accounting for 350 of the 937 construction fatalities recorded in 2015. These and other facts about fall hazards are highlighted in new resources from OSHA that employers can use in their discussions with employees during the National Safety Stand-Down. Two videos have been posted on the [Stand-Down homepage](#) and a series of infographics can be downloaded from OSHA's

[Fall Prevention Campaign webpage](#). We also encourage posting of the new videos and infographics on social media using the hashtag #StandDown4Safety.

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Training

OSHA and Hispanic Contractors Association hold construction safety training

The Hispanic Contractors Association de Tejas held an [OSHA 10-Hour Construction Training](#) (available in English and Spanish) April 28-29. This course was designed for construction workers, construction foreman, superintendents and project managers. Upon successful completion of the training course, participants will receive an OSHA 10-Hour Construction Outreach Card. Through its alliance with OSHA, the Hispanic Contractors Association de Tejas has provided the 10-hour construction training to more than 5,800 workers.



OSHA and Texas construction association provide free safety training to high school students

OSHA's Dallas Area Office and TEXO Construction Association are helping to raise awareness about workplace safety and health among young people in Texas. In April, the organizations provided free safety training to MacArthur High School students interested in construction careers. The training focused on finding and fixing fall, struck-by, electrocution,



and caught-between hazards. The students also learned about [workers' rights](#) and [employer responsibilities](#).

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OSHA Outreach

Mid-Atlantic OSHA offices and contracting association focus on preventing falls and other construction hazards

OSHA's Philadelphia Region and the Mid-Atlantic Construction Safety Council initiated a "Focus Four Hazards" campaign, which was launched in February and will conclude in May. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness in the recognition, evaluation and control of fall, struck-by, electrocution, and caught-between hazards, which account for a vast majority of the injuries and fatalities in construction. Each month is dedicated to addressing one of the focus four hazards, whereby the organizations share toolbox talks and other training resources with stakeholders throughout the region. Visit OSHA's [Construction Industry webpage](#) for information on identifying, reducing and eliminating construction-related hazards.



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Partnerships and Alliances

OSHA and builders association renew partnership to protect Texas construction workers

OSHA and the Central Texas Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors recently renewed their [Strategic Partnership](#) to provide members with best practices for construction safety. The Central Texas Chapter covers 23 construction contractors and their employees. Last year, the partnership held a Safety Rodeo in which workers were trained on fall protection, scaffolds, aerial lifts and personal protective equipment. Partners also conducted 16,000 self-inspections and corrected more than 10,800 hazards. The partnership's efforts last year resulted in a combined days away, restricted and transfer rate that was 50 percent below the rate for 2015. For more information, see the [success story](#).



OSHA alliance partners commit to better protect worker safety and

health

The [OSHA Alliance Program](#) fosters collaborative relationships with groups committed to worker safety and health. Alliance partners help OSHA reach targeted audiences, such as employers and workers in high-hazard industries, and give them better access to workplace safety and health tools and information.



The [Service, Transmission, Exploration, Production Safety of Pennsylvania Network](#) signed a [two-year agreement](#) to provide workers and employers, particularly in the oil and gas drilling and servicing industries, with guidance and training resources that will help protect the health and safety of workers.

The [Department of Professional Development and Continued Education of the Professional College of Engineers and Land Surveyors of Puerto Rico](#) renewed a [two-year agreement](#) to protect workers from hazards, particularly in the areas of engineering and land surveying. Last year, the alliance sponsored more than 30 seminars focusing on safety topics including confined spaces, fall prevention, control of hazardous energy, and soil engineering.

The [Ironworker Employers Association of Western Pennsylvania Inc.](#) renewed a [five-year agreement](#) to reduce and prevent exposure to hazards associated with the construction industry.

The [Safety Alliance For Excellence](#) renewed a [five-year agreement](#) to address construction industry hazards related to the four leading causes of fatalities - falls, electrocution, struck-by, and caught-in/between.

The [Great Lakes Construction Association](#) renewed a [five-year agreement](#) to protect construction workers from hazards such as falls, electrocutions, struck-by objects, and caught-in/between. For more information, see the [news release](#).

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On-Site Consultation

Oklahoma manufacturer achieves safety excellence with help from On-site Consultation Program

The Radford Company, a valve manufacturer in Tulsa, Okla., contacted OSHA's [On-site Consultation Program](#) for help improving workplace safety. Management worked closely with consultants to update their safety program, develop new employee training, and institute new injury and illness recordkeeping procedures. These and other major safety modifications earned Radford acceptance into OSHA's [Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program](#), which recognizes small business employers who have used the On-site Consultation Program and operate an exemplary [safety and health program](#). Since receiving



SHARP approval, Radford has had an injury rate below the national average for its industry, while increasing its operational productivity. For more information, read the [success story](#).

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Enforcement

Wal-Mart and contractor cited after worker seriously injured at Alabama distribution center



A contract worker was seriously injured when a trolley struck and crushed him inside the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Brundidge, Ala. OSHA cited [Wal-Mart](#) and the worker's employer, [Swisslog Logistics Inc.](#), for serious and willful violations for exposing workers to caught-between, struck-by and crushing hazards and for failing to implement lockout/tagout procedures. Wal-Mart and Swisslog Logistics were proposed fines of \$139,424 and \$126,749, respectively.

Ohio manufacturer cited for not installing proper machine guarding following three amputations in two months



OSHA issued multiple citations to Napoleon Spring Works Inc. in Archbold, Ohio, after three inspections initiated as a [follow-up to a 2013](#) case and in response to two incidents, on [Nov. 2](#) and [Nov. 7](#) of last year, where employees suffered amputations. In just over two months, there were three amputations at the employer's facility. The follow-up inspection found that the company had abated the specific hazards cited in 2013, but failed to apply those same safety requirements to other pieces of equipment at the same facility. In these three most recent inspections, OSHA cited the company for violations related to mechanical power press operation, hazardous energy control, machine guarding, electrical safe work practices, and forklift training.

Texas lab cited for exposing workers to silica, combustible dust, chemical and other hazards



Durcon Inc. has been issued citations for 35 [safety](#) and [health](#) violations. OSHA inspected the Taylor, Texas, chemical resistant coatings manufacturer in response to a complaint about silica exposure. Inspectors also found other violations including: workers exposed to being struck by falling loads; failing to provide workers with personal protective equipment and effective respiratory protection; combustible waste materials soaked with flammable liquids stored in improper receptacles; and failing to implement a confined spaces program.



Nevada cites employer for exposing workers to fall hazards

The [Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) cited Clay Davis in Carson City for exposing workers to fall hazards. Nevada OSHA inspectors concluded that the company failed to provide proper fall protection for two employees working on a low slope roof 10 feet above a lower level. The violations included failure to provide guardrails, safety nets, personal fall arrest equipment, as well as warning line and safety monitoring systems. The company was previously cited for violations of this standard in 2015 and 2016.



California cites company for safety violations following fatal forklift incident

The [California Division of Occupational Safety and Health](#) cited Good View Roofing & Building Supply Corp. in San Francisco after a worker died when his forklift tipped over the unguarded edge of a ramp. Cal/OSHA inspectors determined that the company failed to inspect and identify workplace hazards, provide clearly written safety instructions on forklifts, and ensure that all workers comply with forklift safety requirements. For more information, read the [news release](#).

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