



2021 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction: Official Kick-off Event with OSHA, NIOSH, & CPWR

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Despite ongoing efforts by construction employers and safety professionals to prevent falls, provide fall protection systems, and train workers, falls continue to be the leading cause of death in the construction industry. According to recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, **401 construction workers died from falls to a lower level in 2019**. To raise awareness of construction falls and work with the industry to better prevent them, 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 **May 3-7**.*

To kick-off the week leaders from OSHA, NIOSH and CPWR will share some of the latest data related to OSHA enforcement, incident rates, and underlying causes of falls, as well as real-life stories and new fall prevention resources to use during the Stand-Down week and beyond.

Panelists:

- **James Frederick**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, OSHA
- **Scott Ketcham**, Director, OSHA's Directorate of Construction
- **Dr. John Howard**, Director, NIOSH, and Administrator of the World Trade Center Health Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **G. Scott Earnest**, Ph.D., P.E., C.S.P., Associate Director for Construction, Office of Construction Safety and Health, NIOSH
- **Chris Cain**, CIH, CPWR Executive Director

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