

Safety Update

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June 2-6 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction



OSHA has partnered with several safety groups to assist with promoting a safety stand-down to be held by employers, trade associations, institutes, and other parties anytime during the first week of June. A safety stand-down is a voluntary event for employers to talk to employees about safety and in this case construction fall prevention. Details, resources and event information can be found on the OSHA website at <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>

NIOSH News

NIOSH “Workplace Solutions”

The NIOSH “[Workplace Solutions](#)” series offers easy-to-understand, easy-to-access, and easy-to-use recommendations that turn the results of NIOSH research into occupational safety and health practice. Recent topics have included preventing heat-related illness or death, preventing slips, trips and falls, and preventing deaths from trench cave-ins.

NIOSH Blog on Women’s Health at Work

During Women’s Health Week in May, the NIOSH blog published a [post](#) about women’s health and the workplace. The article covers reproductive issues, ergonomics, stress, cancer, violence and personal protective equipment in a variety of work settings.

OSHA News

OSHA Heat Safety Tool.

Available for free on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#), this app uses your local temperature to calculate the heat index for your worksite. Based on that calculation, the app then reminds you about the protective measures you should take for your workers. More information about heat safety can be found on the OSHA [Water Rest Shade website](#).

Video Promoting Injury and Illness Prevention Programs

[“We Can Do This!”](#) is a new seven-minute video developed by OSHA that explains how injury and illness prevention programs enhance workplace safety and health. These programs are designed to reduce the number and severity of workplace injuries. For resources about implementing these voluntary programs see the [OSHA website](#).

New OSHA Guidance Document for Small Businesses Using Hazardous Chemicals

This [guide](#) is intended to help small employers comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). The document includes information on writing a hazard communication program, how to label containers, maintain safety data sheets and train employees and how to evaluate your program.

Other News

Occupational Ladder Fall Injuries – United States, 2011

This [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that falls are a leading cause of unintentional injury in the US. A total of 20% of all fall injuries and 81% of construction falls involve ladders. The report uses data from three surveillance systems for the year 2011. Tables break out fall numbers by sex, age group, ethnicity, employment status, workplace size, industry, occupation, and body part injured.

New Regulations on Coal Dust Take Effect on August 1, 2014

Read about the [new regulation](#) from the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration designed to put an end to miner’s black lung disease. There is a link to the text of the final rule, a news release, fact sheet and compliance information. The site also has technical information and informational pocket cards for miners.

Final 2012 Workplace Fatality Count

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the [final numbers](#) of workplace fatalities in the US for 2012 along with a set of [revised charts](#). The BLS report the lowest fatality rate since the Bureau changed its counting system in 2006. Injuries were up for contract workers, roadway accidents and construction.

BLS Oil and Gas Fact Sheet 2014

An updated [Oil and Gas Fact Sheet](#) was released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The sheet contains data on fatalities in the private sector mining industry from 2003 to 2011 broken out between the oil and gas extraction industries and all other mining. The oil and gas extraction industries accounted for over 70 percent of the fatalities.



[CDC Tornado Safety Site](#)

Tornado season is here. Knowing what to do when you see a tornado, or when you hear a tornado warning, can help protect you and your family. During a tornado, people face hazards from extremely high winds and risk being struck by flying and falling objects. After a tornado, the wreckage left behind poses additional injury risks. Although nothing can be done to prevent tornadoes, there are actions you can take for your health and safety. This site contains information about what to do before, during and after a tornado.

[Podcast on Women's Safety at Work](#)

This [women's health podcast](#) focuses on four important issues for women at work: job stress, work schedules, reproductive health, and workplace violence. The podcast was created by the Office of Women's Health (OWH) and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

[Driver Electronic Device Use in 2012](#)

Mobile device use by drivers continues despite data showing the significant dangers of this activity. [This Traffic Safety Facts Research Note](#) from the US Department of Transportation presents data for the years 2004 – 2012 on numbers of drivers holding phones to their ears, speaking with headsets, and visibly manipulating hand held devices. Data is also broken out by age, sex, location and a variety of other factors.

[Tire Safety Website](#)

Many crashes can be prevented through proper tire maintenance. The [TireWise](#) website presented by safercar.gov has information on buying and maintaining tires, fuel efficiency and recalls. There is a link to the SaferCar mobile app.

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