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National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

The Utah Labor Commission and the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division (UOSH), announce the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction, May 2-6, 2016, to raise awareness among employers and employees about the hazards of falls in the construction industry.

Fall prevention safety standards were among the top 10 most frequently cited safety standards by UOSH during 2015. Falls remain the leading cause of death in construction, accounting for more than a third of deaths in the industry nationwide.

As Utah's economy continues to grow and the construction season begins, the National Safety Stand-Down will remind employers and employees that fall prevention is an important part of every workplace safety plan. UOSH is encouraging employers and employees to pause and talk about fall protection during the Stand-Down.

For more details and to learn more about the National Safety Stand-Down, visit the Federal OSHA site at <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html>. This site has information regarding the Nation Safety Stand-Down, training resources, fact sheets and other outreach materials in English and Spanish. Employers will also be able to provide feedback and download Certificates of Participation demonstrating their support and participation in this prevention event.

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