



National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

The 2019 National Stand-Down is the week of May 6 – 10. Falls from heights continue to be among the most dangerous hazards to workers, nationally and within the MEL / JIF system. Falls can be prevented if leaders plan the job properly, provide the right equipment, and train and retrain workers on the proper use of the equipment and safety best practices. Work sites that involve working at heights should be visited frequently by crew leaders.

The Safety Director encourages all members to participate in the National Stand-Down.

OSHA has provided a number of resources to help employers participate in the Stand-Down.

- There is a series of fall safety videos at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/vtools/construction.html>. These are 2 – 4 minutes, suitable for morning Briefings, and cover topics such as fixed scaffolds, and leading-edge work.
- OSHA has a more general video, 5 Ways to Prevent Workplace Falls, also available on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qpowg5Ynh0w&feature=youtu.be>
- OSHA has developed a number of QuickCards™ and Fact Sheets on ladders, scaffolding, and working on roofs and other elevated surfaces. Go to their website www.osha.gov and enter the topic you wish to cover in the search engine at the top of the page.

These resources on OSHA’s Stand-Down home page <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>. The site also includes ideas on how employers around the nation have effectively used the resources in their organizations. There is even a Certificate of Participation available.

The MEL Safety Institute offers two classes that can be attended as part of your Stand-Down activities; Ladder Safety / Walking & Working Surfaces and Fall Protection Awareness. Upcoming classes are provided below.

Ladder Safety / Walking & Working Surfaces

May 6, 2019	Township of Hamilton	Town Hall, Court Room	8:30 a.m.
May 17, 2019	Township of Stafford	Municipal Building	8:30 a.m.
May 21, 2019	Township of East Hanover	Fire Department	8:00 a.m.
June 3, 2019	Borough of Fort Lee	Fire House #3	8:00 AM

Fall Protection Awareness

May 7, 2019	Township of Barnegat #1	Fire House	8:30 a.m.
June 5, 2019	Evesham Township MUA	Woodstream Wastewater Treatment Plant	10:45 a.m.

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