

What is a Safety Stand-Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Prevention". It's an opportunity for employers to have a conversation with workers about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies and goals. It can also be an opportunity for workers to talk to management about the hazards they see.

Who Can Participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent injuries and incidents in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down. Participants include employers, unions, employer's trade associations, institutes, worker interest organizations, and safety equipment manufacturers.

Partners

OSHA is partnering with key groups to assist with this effort including Industry, Education, and the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers. Ask your subcontractors, owners, suppliers, or others associated with your operation to participate in the stand-down.

How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down and [FAQ's](#)

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace. Information is available on the OSHA Website or the safetystanddown.org Website. [Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down"](#).

Certificate of Participation

Employers are able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down on oshastanddown.org website and download a Certificate of Participation following the Stand-Down.

Share Your Story With Us

If you want to share information on your Safety Stand-Down, Prevention Programs, or suggestions on how we can improve future initiatives like this, please provide it on oshastanddown.org. Also share your Stand-Down story on social media.

If you plan to host a free event that is open to the public, see our Events page for more information and to contact your [Regional OSHA Stand-Down Coordinator](#).