

GET THE MOST from your FALL PREVENTION SAFETY STAND-DOWN

7 Tips from a STEEL ERECTOR

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Pre-Plan

Choose your topic ahead of time. Include good or bad examples that you have personal knowledge of. Gather props.

Decide how much time is needed. You'll need more time than for regular morning safety meetings, JHA/STA reviews, and HR announcements.



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Promote to Employees in Advance

Safety Stand-Downs are special events. Do something in appreciation of your employees, such as providing lunch, hard hat stickers, or other giveaways.



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Make sure the Information is Relevant

Presentation should be directly related to work being conducted on this job site.

For example, calculate fall clearance for a specific employee's PFAS, then visualize where that would put an employee if tied off in a particular location.



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Make it Visual and Hands-On

This is EASY. Fall protection requires either PFAS, guardrails, or safety nets. You should have one or all of these on-hand.

Invite a vendor to do a demo. Ideas: mobile drop-test tower, inspection of a Horizontal Lifeline kit or PFAS, or self-rescue demonstration.



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Can you Hear Me Now?

If your crews can't hear you then you are wasting your time and (quite literally) your breath. Make sure everyone can hear, even the people standing in the back.

You may need to temporarily stop equipment in the area or move your meeting to another location, use a megaphone, or buy an inexpensive portable sound system. Yell if you have to.



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Get the Crews Involved

Ask for input from the crew about past near misses or safety concerns or questions they have.

If someone isn't paying attention, ask them a question or ask for their input.



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Promote your Company

Post event promotion increases the value of your Stand-Down by gaining some positive publicity for your company and serving as a reminder to employees days or weeks later.

Take pictures during the event and coordinate with your marketing team for social media campaigns. Use hashtags such as #StandDown4Safety, #SEAA

Notify any associations your company belongs to with a photo and short press release.

Download a Certificate of Participation from the OSHA Stop Falls Stand-Down page. There are Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Certificates, depending on how many years you have participated.

