

# Construction Safety Stand-Down

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is the Construction Safety Stand-Down?**

The Construction Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to workers about safety. The Construction Safety Stand-Down serves as a reminder to focus on hazards in the workplace with the theme: *'Stop. Reassess Risk. Re-Set.'*

### **When is the Construction Safety Stand-Down?**

The Construction Stand-Down will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### **Why do we, as an industry, need a Safety Stand-Down?**

So far this season, the construction industry has already experienced several serious incidents. Take some time to STOP and look at your own safety programs, right now, before something serious happens at your worksite.

### **How do I conduct a Safety Stand-Down?**

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. A Safety Stand-Down should provide an opportunity for employers and employees to talk about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations. Any activity that lends itself to this conversation would be suitable.

### **Who can participate in a Safety Stand-Down?**

Anyone interested in educating employees in job hazards can participate. This can include general contractors, sub-and independent contractors, labour organizations and associations, provincial and local governmental agencies, professional societies, institutes, etc.

### **How does my company or organization participate and how do I get a Certificate of Participation?**

Participation is easy! Register your participation with the NLCSA, hold a Stand-Down, let us know how you participated, and we will issue you with a Certificate of Participation and recognize your company's efforts on our website! You can also share your plans and details of your successful events on social media with the hashtag: #nlstanddown4safety.

### **Why should I get a Certificate of Participation?**

One of the most important reasons you should participate and gain a certificate is to demonstrate your commitment to health and safety issues on the jobsite to your employees. Employees and other employers alike recognize the importance of demonstrated top level commitment to promoting a positive safety culture. The NLCSA may also use the attendance data and feedback from your request to enhance and further improve this event for the future.

### **I'm not a construction company; can I still participate in the Safety Stand-Down?**

Yes, you can! Participation is not limited to the construction industry, and no business is too small to participate.

### **I'm a small company with just a few employees; can I still participate in the Stand-Down?**

Yes. Any number of people can hold a Stand-Down. Companies and businesses of all sizes should take time out during the workday to discuss health & safety with their employees, and participate in the Stand-Down. You may also find a larger Stand-Down Event in your area.

### **Where can I find the registration form and information to help me with my Stand-Down?**

Visit our Construction Safety Stand-Down webpage for general information and the registration form. Visit the Resource Library section of our website for posters, sample toolbox talks and a 'Stop and Reassess Information Sheet'.

### **Is it possible to get an NLCSA Safety Advisor to participate in my Stand-Down?**

If you register your Stand-Down with the NLCSA, and if requested, you will be entered to have the opportunity to have an NLCSA Safety Advisor attend your event. (Opportunities are limited – details available on the registration form or by contacting us at [safetystanddown@nlcsa.com](mailto:safetystanddown@nlcsa.com).)

### **Do I need to pre-register for the Stand-Down?**

No. The Stand-Down is free and you do not have to "register" to participate. Simply hold a Stand-Down with your employees during the Stand-Down day and go online to tell us about your Stand-Down.

### **How long does a typical Stand-Down take to conduct?**

It's up to you. A Stand-Down could be as simple as a 15 minute toolbox talk or several hours of training over a period of time.

### **Can I still get a certificate if I hold a safety event before or after Stand-Down day?**

Yes. Certificates will be available from August 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to allow companies to participate in the Stand-Down. Just register your participation with the NLCSA, hold a Stand-Down, let us know how you participated, and we will issue you with a Certificate of Participation.