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OSHA's National Fall Prevention Stand-Down

When you hear about falls resulting in death, typically you might think the falls occurred from very tall, greatly elevated levels. While this is the case for many of the 3,500 workers who have died in the past decade from falls, many deaths have also occurred falling off a ladder. The fact is, fatalities caused by falls (the leading cause of death for construction workers), are preventable.

Join the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for its National Fall Prevention Stand-Down, May 4-15. A stand-down is a voluntary event for employers to discuss safety issues with their



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employees. According to OSHA, "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 environment anytime between May 4-15.

Last year's stand-down, OSHA's first ever, reached more than one million workers across the country. This year, OSHA's goal is for more than 20,000 stand-downs, involving more than 3 million workers, to take place between May 4-15.

Following their stand-down, employers will be able to provide feedback and download a certificate of participation signed by Secretary of Labor, Thomas E. Perez. If you want to share information with OSHA on your safety stand-down, fall prevention programs or suggestions on how OSHA can improve future initiatives, please send an email to oshastanddown@dol.gov.

Visit [OSHA's website](#) for more information.

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Update Your Site's Roster For a Chance to Win

We couldn't make this contest any easier!

To ensure each of our members are receiving the benefits they deserve, we need your site's roster to be updated. To enter our roster contest, update the roster that was included in your membership mailing. After we receive the updated roster, we will randomly select one prime contact to **win a \$50 gift card!** Sites that have returned their roster are already entered into the contest.

By helping us update your roster, you're also helping yourself and your co-workers receive all of the benefits of VPPPA membership.

Return your updated roster by fax, 703-761-1148 or email the roster to membership@vpppa.org by June 26. If you need another copy of your site's roster, please contact the Membership Department via the email address above or call (703) 761-1146.



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Are You Ready to be a Leader?

Are you a strategic thinker? What do you think should be at the top of VPPPA's agenda next year? Do you have valuable ideas on what we can do to move the association forward and advance the VPPPA mission? Now is your chance! It's time to take a leadership role and make a difference in VPPPA. Nominate yourself, or a fellow safety leader, to the VPPPA National Board of Directors by June 15.



This year there are [seven open positions](#):

- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Director from a Site with a Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Director from a DOE-VPP Site
- Director-at-Large (three positions available)

To be elected to the VPPPA National Board of Directors, nominees must be from a Full or Corporate member site in good standing with the association. [Click here for a full list of requirements and responsibilities](#). If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for a position, please complete and submit the following materials by June 15:

- [Nominations form and management commitment letter](#)
- [Signed election protocols](#)
- A platform statement of no more than 300 words
- Your head shot (300 DPI or higher)

Send submissions to Sarah Neely, 2015 Nominating Committee Liaison, at sneely@vpppa.org.

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Join our National Congressional Outreach!

On June 10-11, VPPPA members from across the country will meet with congressional offices in Washington, D.C., to speak up for VPP and show that safety does not have a political party.

Don't pass up this chance to make your voice heard! We'll provide training and materials for these visits - all you need is your passion for VPP. If you are interested in taking part, contact Charlie Doss at cdoss@vpppa.org by May 15. Please note that these visits follow the National VPPPA Board of Directors meeting on June 9.

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Apply for VPPPA Awards & Scholarships

You work hard to maintain a safe and productive worksite. Why not inspire others to do the same?

[VPPPA features a number of programs](#), including awards, scholarships and an achievement program to recognize the extraordinary efforts of member sites and individuals who go above and beyond in their efforts to improve safety and health for the American workforce.



Winners will be announced at the national conference during a special reception on **Sunday, Aug. 23**.

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Can't decide where to advertise or sponsor? Over half of last year's national conference attendees clicked on a banner ad in our conference mobile app! Want to focus on print ads? Our quarterly magazine has a distribution of more than 8,600!

For additional benefits to advertising, contact VPPPA's Advertising and Sponsorship Department at 703-761-1146, Ext. 111, or via email at advertising@vpppa.org.

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