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Join the National Safety Stand-Down

The National Fall Prevention Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries. 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 fall hazards and reinforcing the importance of fall prevention. It's an opportunity for employers to have a conversation with employees about hazards, protective methods and the company's safety policies and goals. It can also be an opportunity for employees to talk to management about fall hazards they see. This year's event will be taking place from May 8-12 around the nation and you can find more information [here](#).

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Updates to OSHA's Crystalline Silica Rule

OSHA is issuing two standards to protect workers from exposure to respirable crystalline silica - one for construction and the other for general industry and maritime. About two million construction workers are exposed to respirable crystalline silica in over 600,000 workplaces, and OSHA estimates that more than 840,000 of these workers are exposed to silica levels that exceed the new permissible exposure limit. The standard requires employers to limit worker exposures to respirable crystalline

silica and to take other steps to protect workers. Originally scheduled to begin **June 23, 2017**, enforcement will now begin **Sept. 23, 2017**. You can find more information and resources [here](#).

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VPPPA Contests

Roster Contest:

To enter our roster contest, update the roster that was included in your membership mailing. Once we receive the updated version, the prime contact will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a gift card! Sites that have returned their rosters are already entered into the contest. Return your updated roster by fax at (703) 761-1148 or email it to membership@vpppa.org by **July 1, 2017**. If you need an additional copy of your roster, please contact our Membership Department via the email address above or call (703) 761-1146.

#HowISafety Contest:

One of the greatest things about our members is their passion for safety! This contest is an excellent way for members to share their personal experiences and spread awareness of safety practices. Submit a photo of yourself representing how you are promoting/practicing safety in the workplace or at home. Examples: Wearing your PPE, teaching a safety class, attending training, following safety procedures etc. You can find more information about the contest rules [here](#).

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Safety+ Early Bird Rate Ending Monday

Early bird registration for Safety+ is still available! Register by **April 24** to receive the discounted rate. Taking place in New Orleans, LA, this year's event should not be missed. You can earn CEUs, attend workshops and hear from inspirational speakers at the premier safety and health event of the year.

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