



## Safety Pays Falls Cost

### Falls in Ohio by the numbers

- Nearly 30 percent of all claims filed with BWC are from fall injuries; 5 percent are falls from elevation.
- About 1/3 of all falls from elevation are in construction.
- Falls in Ohio resulted in 14 fatalities in 2014.

### Falls from elevation in construction

- Injuries result in time away from work 57 percent of the time.
- The average cost of a medical-only claim is \$2,151.
- The average cost of a lost-time claim is \$74,016.

### Top 3 construction work activities for falls from elevation

- HVAC/refrigeration
- Plumbing
- Electrical wiring

Take a

# Stand-Down

to Prevent Falls in Construction

May 7 — 11, 2018

### What is it?

Each year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) encourages employers across the country to participate in the [National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#). A stand-down is a break from the typical work duties for employers to talk directly to their workers about safety, focusing on fall hazards and reinforcing the importance of fall prevention. Some ideas for stand-down activities include:

- Short toolbox talks;
- Videos and handouts;
- Training and demonstrations;
- Meetings and presentations;
- Equipment inspections/audits.

### When is it?

OSHA's annual stand-down will take place May 7-11, 2018. OSHA encourages employers to plan a stand-down event that works best for their workplace any time during that week.

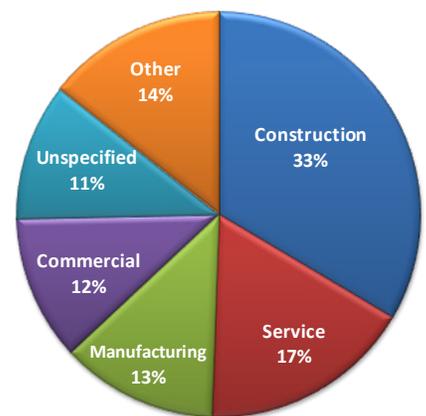
### How can BWC help?

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) can help you plan your stand-down activity. Call 1-800-644-6292 for assistance. The [BWC Library](#) also offers an extensive collection of audiovisual materials related to fall hazards and fall prevention. Learn more about or request [BWC's free consultation services](#).

### How do I learn more?

- <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>
- <http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com/>

### Leading Industries for Fall from Elevation Injuries in Ohio



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