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Avoid a Construction Fall: U.S. DOL Provides Prevention Tips at May 20 CONN-OSHA Roundtable Discussion

WETHERSFIELD, April 29, 2014 – Preventing falls while engaged in construction activities will be discussed by Compliance Assistance Specialist Paul Mangiafico of the U.S. Department of Labor during a May 20 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA).

The event, which will run from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m., takes place at the Labor Department’s Wethersfield office located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard.

“Paul’s talk, titled *Stop Falls Stand-Down*, will highlight the purpose of the Stand-Down process, describe how to conduct a Stand-Down, and provide information about OSHA resources to help employers and workers prevent falls,” explains CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and Breakfast Roundtable project coordinator John Able. According to Able, in 2012 – the most recent year for which statistics are available – there were 775 fatalities nationwide and 269 of these deaths were fall fatalities in the construction field.

“Many of these deaths, unfortunately, could have been prevented,” Able noted. “OSHA has developed a number of resources on this topic to help reduce fatalities and avoid mishaps.”

Admission to the event is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at able.john@dol.gov to register for the breakfast roundtable or for additional information.

Breakfast Roundtable Discussion meetings now online at CONN.OSHA.com: Individuals unable to attend a Breakfast Roundtable Discussion meeting, as well as attendees who wish to re-check a fact from one of the past events, can now do so online by going to CONN.OSHA.com to obtain information such as presentation materials from past meetings, handouts and related educational items.

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