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Governor Proclaims June is Safety Month in Alaska; 'Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction' is June 2-6

JUNEAU, Alaska—Governor Sean Parnell has proclaimed June as Safety Month in Alaska to coincide with the National Safety Council's [National Safety Month](#). The annual event focuses on prevention of injuries and deaths at work, at home and on the road.

"We live and work in one of the most beautiful yet dangerous places on the planet, so safety is critical to every Alaskan," Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer said. "NSC's national theme is 'Safety: It takes all of us,' and focuses on preventing prescription drug abuse, preventing falls, being aware of surroundings and ending distracted driving."

To recognize Safety Month in Alaska, the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section will host a free seminar on How to Establish a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan on Wednesday, June 25 from 9-11 a.m. at the Anchorage Midtown Job Center, 3301 Eagle Street, Room 201.

Although it is open to all, the two-hour seminar is targeted to companies that are youth-friendly employers. Space is limited and registration is required – call 907-269-4955. For more information or special arrangements, contact Youth Training Coordinator Elaine Banda at 907-269-4951 or Elaine.Banda@Alaska.Gov.

AKOSH also provides free consultation services and information about workplace safety and health standards. Contact AKOSH statewide at 800-656-4972 or 269-4955 in Anchorage.

In conjunction with the NSC safety month, the U.S. Department of Labor's "[Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#)" is June 2-6.

"Stand-Down provides the opportunity to remind all employers and employees to be particularly cognizant of fall hazards," said Al Nagel, acting director of the Labor Standards and Safety Division. "Over the past five years, AKOSH has conducted 178 inspections where fall protection was an issue. AKOSH investigated eight fall hazard injuries that very sadly included one fatality."

Nagel said the injuries equate to months of lost time, not to mention the pain and suffering of the injured workers and their families, their co-workers and their employers.

For more information about the National Safety Council's safety month materials, go online at [sign-up](#). The NSC also offers free online fact sheets that cover a variety of topics including backpack safety, fireworks safety and water safety at www.nsc.org/news_resources/Resources/Pages/SafetyHealthFactSheets.aspx.

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2014 June Alaska Safety Month Executive Proclamation
Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2014-Safety-Month.pdf

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