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### **Fall Prevention Awareness is May 4<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>** *Safety workshops to be held in Anchorage and Fairbanks*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—A nationwide effort to prevent falls in construction occupations is underway May 4<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. Falls are a leading cause of deaths and serious injuries in construction and have consistently held the top spot as the most frequently cited Occupational Safety and Health violation. The fall prevention awareness effort is intended to focus attention on eliminating hazards to prevent workplace injuries. Construction companies are encouraged to talk with workers about how to prevent falls, take steps to ensure fall protection equipment is adequate, and to provide training for workers about how to recognize fall hazards and use equipment.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development Consultation and Training section will culminate this period of fall prevention awareness by hosting a two-hour workshop, "Preventing Falls in Construction," in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Both workshops will be held Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The workshops will cover fall protection systems, industry specific standards, and other information using CFR 1926 Subpart M as a resource. The Anchorage workshop will be held at 3301 Eagle Street, Room 104, and the Fairbanks workshop will take place at 3600 Cartwright Court.

The workshops are free, however, space is limited and registration is required. For reservations, contact Elaine Banda, Training Coordination, at 907-269-4951 or email [Elaine.Banda@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Elaine.Banda@Alaska.Gov).

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