

## ACCESSING SAFETY KNOWLEDGE (ASK) SHEET: *SAFETY STAND-DOWNS DURING A PANDEMIC*

OSHA's 2020 National Safety Stand-Down To Prevent Falls in Construction will be like no other in its seven year history. COVID-19 has changed the way business is conducted on jobsites and that includes safety toolbox talks and stand-downs.

### Things to Consider

1. If you hold an in-person stand-downs:
  - a. ensure you are following all CDC guidelines (masks, 6 feet apart, etc.)
  - b. ensure you are following all COVID-19 jobsite specific guidelines (numbers of people gathering, etc.)
2. How to hold virtual stand-downs:
  - a. Share with employees one of the many fall prevention videos and toolbox on our website ([asahouston.org](http://asahouston.org)) under Safety/Fall Prevention Resources
    - i. Email the link to a video or send a PDF the toolbox talks to employees
      1. Include a couple of questions for participants to answer after watching the video
      2. Collect the email responses to count the number of people who participated
    - ii. Electronically distribute one of the PDF fall prevention toolbox talks to employees
      1. Set up a videocall with employees (this can be done by jobsite or the full company at one time) to go over the toolbox talk
      2. Include a couple of questions for participants to answer after participating the videocall
      3. Collect the email responses to count the number of people who participated



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