The commitment to safety is strongest when it’s woven into the culture of work and is a visible part of everyday routines and processes. That’s why the theme of Safety Week is, “we are stronger- and safer – together.”

This Idea Book provides just a few ways to build awareness of safety in your organization, take action to share the great work we’re doing to promote safety and educate each worker to build the skills they need to be safe on the job. Have an idea you’d like to share? Email us! info@constructionsafetyweek.com.
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Build awareness of safety throughout your organization through fun and engaging events like lunch gatherings, offsite events or informative freebies.
ENR Magazine Handout

- ENR magazine is publishing a special 4-page section on Safety Week in late April. This makes a great handout for company leaders and workers to review.
  - To order reprints, visit http://www.bnpsolutions.com/services/reprints/
AWARENESS

TEAM MEAL

• **Team Meal**: Hold a lunch to thank your employees for working safely. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss safety.

• **Theme Suggestions:**
  • *Heroes for our heroes* – lunch with hero sandwiches for team members.
  • *Subs for our subs* – order sub sandwiches for lunch to thank sub contractors and team members.
  • *Safety ties us together* – treat the team to soft pretzels as the “ties” or “knots” symbolizing how safety ties everyone together.
FAMILY DAY

Invite workers to bring their loved ones to the job site for an onsite lunch.

• This will be a great time for workers to discuss how important safety is to them and why they work safely everyday.

• Make sure to have extra PPE on hand if some family members want to take a tour of the job site and see where their loved one works.
Safety Week is a great chance to demonstrate our commitment to safety with each other and our communities. Use social media, public events and team displays to share our dedication to keeping each other safe.
Safety is what ties us together:

- Post images of family members or other loved ones using #safetyties. This will help show the many connections each worker has and why he or she makes safety a priority and will help to spread our message.

- Using #safetyties post photos of boot laces.
Caught Being Safe:

Encourage managers/company leaders to post images of workers “caught being safe” — doing correct safety procedures or using safety equipment properly. Again, use #safetyties.
Safety Shout Out:

Encourage team members to tag others who are doing the correct things to ensure safety. Include the company either with a hashtag or through the company Twitter handle.
ACTIVATION

TEAM DISPLAYS

“Safety Pledge” Display:
Using the banner download on the Safety Week website, www.constructionssafetyweek.com/plan-your-safety-week-activities, create a banner for the job site. Ask team members to sign the banner to share their commitment to safety.

Sample text: My Pledge is to be safe! I commit that I will work safely today and every day. I am not only responsible for my safety, but also the safety of my co-workers. I have been empowered by (company) to stop any activity on this project that I feel is unsafe, without fear of retribution. My pledge to work safely is a personal commitment to myself, my co-workers and my family.
ACTIVATION

TEAM DISPLAYS (CONTINUED)

“This is Why I Work Safely” Display:

• Create your own company banner, or download and print the Safety Week 2016 banner from [www.constructionsafetyweek.com/plan-your-safety-week-activities](http://www.constructionsafetyweek.com/plan-your-safety-week-activities).

• Post the banner in a central location and ask team members to bring in photos of friends, family and other meaningful things / activities.

• Photos can be posted on the banner throughout the week as a reminder to each individual why they work safely.
Ongoing training during Safety Week is a great way to make a huge difference in safety. Regular team and individual training sessions build everyone’s skills in maintaining a safe workforce.
EDUCATION

TRAINING

Fall Prevention Training:

• Contact a local vendor to visit your site and conduct a Fall Protection and Prevention training. Your crew will learn basics of fall protection and how to inspect their equipment.
  – Find OSHA resources on fall protection and prevention here: https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/alliance_products.html#Fall_Protection

First Responder / CPR Training:

• Provide First Aid, CPR and AED training to your team members in the field. In the event of an accident, time is critical. Giving the knowledge to save a life if an injury occurs will ensure your staff knows how to respond. Contact your local American Red Cross to schedule an instructor to come out to your jobsite. Training classes vary in size from 12 to 30 people per class.
EDUCATION
TRAINING (CONTINUED)

Heat Training:
• Designate a crew member (or members) to research heat safety online. The designated crew member(s) can then present to the team the health effects of heat, symptoms of heat illness and prevention tips.

Fire Extinguisher Training:
• Work with a vendor to supply fire extinguishers to your jobsite and have employees practice pulling the trigger and putting out the fire. Invite the fire department to come to your site to supervise the activity and establish a relationship within the department for future events and community involvement.
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Scissor and Aerial Lift Awareness:
• Provide scissor and aerial lift awareness training on your jobsite. Also consider holding full training / certification courses during Safety Week.
  – Find OSHA education resources here: https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/alliance_products.html#aerial

Scaffold Safety Awareness:
• This awareness training is an effective way to make sure that all workers understand the correct way to assemble and work safely while on scaffolds. Outside of problems with planks and guardrails, the main cause of injuries and deaths on scaffolds are poor planning for assembly and disassembly, missing tie-ins or bracing, loads that are too heavy, and being too close to power lines. Additionally, injury can occur from falling objects, which can potentially injure others below scaffolds. Informing your crew of the importance of scaffold safety could save their lives or the lives of others.
ADDITIONAL TRAINING IDEAS

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Emergency Action Plan Drill:

- Plan an emergency drill during Safety Week to make sure employees are ready in case of an emergency. After the drill, take a head count and complete a search of the building to make sure all employees followed protocol. Complete a briefing to discuss the drill and how it can be improved. Remember to document the drill for your records.

Emergency Response:

- Invite your local fire department to stage a mock rescue of a worker. This will allow you to make sure that the team members know what to do in the event of an accident. Additionally, it will enable you to check that your emergency exit routes are correct and usable.
ADDITIONAL TRAINING IDEAS
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Self Defense Class:

• Partner with your local police or a martial arts studio to find an instructor in your area. Self-defense classes teach you how to defend yourself in a variety of situations. Knowing self-defense can help you feel less anxious in public, be able to quickly disable an attacker and escape dangerous situations. Learning how to take advantage of time and space to make a quick getaway is a skill that can be applied to everyday situations. Providing this class for your workers will not only keep them safe off the jobsite but will give them the tools and knowledge to handle situations without the use of force.

Defensive Driving Presentation:

• Driving is a large part of our industry. Whether you are driving a company car or your personal vehicle, driving safely will ensure that you go home injury-free at the end of the day. Most state Department of Driver Services offer defensive driving clinics that can be held at your jobsite. Pursuing state services for this training will ensure that the curriculum is approved and relevant to your local team.
ADDITIONAL TRAINING IDEAS (CONTINUED)

Infectious Control:

- Infectious Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) training is necessary for any interior renovation project in an ongoing facility. It is important for all workers to understand how their choices may affect patients in hospitals or tenants of a building. Contact the American Industrial Hygiene Association for a list of local vendors that can provide training. The session should provide the basic working knowledge of the ICRA measures and techniques. This will increase awareness of what workers need to look for when performing interior renovation work.

Vendor Visits and Awareness Training:

- Invite different suppliers and vendors to your jobsite to present their newest line of products or to host a training session highlighting their specialty items. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) vendors are a great option for this type of training. Let them demonstrate why it is vital to wear your PPE at all times.
ADDITIONAL TRAINING IDEAS

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Health Screenings:

• Work with a local clinic to have a medical technician come to your jobsite to provide a health screening as well as various other benefits for your team members. These can include: Heart Rate Check, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol Test, Diabetes Test and Flu Shots.

Boots on the Ground:

• One type of PPE that protects crew members from injury everyday are their boots. Some field workers are required to wear a safety toe or steel-toed work boots. Contact a local boot vendor to set up a demonstration to illustrate the advantages of wearing safety toe boots if an object were to land on a worker’s foot. A demonstration can consist of using a fall protection rig to drop a 250-pound weight from 3 feet onto both a safety toe and a soft toe boot. Insert putty into the toe section of each pair of boots to resemble toes.