



## 2021 WORK ZONE SAFETY (WZS) STAND-DOWN TOOLKIT

### NAPA Encourages WZS Stand-Down on April 26

As the beginning of National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), April 26 also marks Work Zone Safety (WZS) Training Day. NAPA encourages road construction companies and their field crews to stop, assess, and act to safeguard lives by holding a WZS stand-down for a few minutes.

Struck-by injuries are a leading cause of death and, since 1992, the leading cause of nonfatal injuries in the construction industry. NWZAW encourages pausing during the workday for safety demonstrations, training in hazard recognition and fall prevention, and talks about work zone safety mitigation methods, as well as your company's safety culture, policies, goals, and expectations.

### Tips for Holding a Successful WZS Stand-Down

Use these resources to reiterate your company's commitment to safe workplaces, and to provide effective and efficient hazard awareness and mitigation.

- Using the [talking points](#) below, your leadership can convey to employees the importance of maintaining high-level alertness inside the work zone.
- Subscribe to NAPA's [Crew Safety](#) online training program for individuals or groups. It provides work zone hazard awareness and mitigation strategies with a focus on internal traffic control.
- CPWR's [struck-by website](#) provides toolbox talks and infographics to help crews create a 'sphere of safety.'
- CPWR's [Additional Resources website](#) provides even more struck-by education, including this one-page [toolbox talk](#) developed by the operating engineers.

As an alternative to a company-led field stand-down, supervisors and their crews may want to register for the one-hour National Work Zone Awareness informational event, [Preventing Struck-By Incidents](#). This free online event will be held live on April 26 at 3:00 pm ET.

## Additional Stand-Down Training Topics, Guides, and Activities

- [Over two dozen toolbox talks](#) with graphics in multiple languages
- Resources for developing work zone internal traffic control plans
  - [FHWA 25-page guidance including detailed steps, diagrams, and more](#)
  - [ATSSA 2-page brochure on temporary traffic control for maintenance operations](#)
- High-visibility clothing resources
  - [ARTBA 6-page overview of guidance, types, and proper wear](#)
  - [ATSSA 1-page class comparison](#)
- [Preventing Runovers and Backovers](#) and [blind spot awareness activity](#)
- [Safe and Effective Work Zone Inspections](#)
- [Nighttime Lighting Guidelines for Work Zones](#)

## WZS Stand-Down Leadership Taking Points

NAPA encourages company leaders to produce a short video or written brief, using the following points, to highlight your participation in National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), April 26-30:

- NWZAW is an annual spring campaign to encourage safe driving through roadway work zones. Its theme is “drive safe, work safe, save lives.”
- This unique week provides our company with a good opportunity to take a hard look at what we’re doing inside the work zone to make sure our field crews remain safe.
- Our participation reinforces our commitment to a safe workplace, understanding that work zones can be extremely dangerous.
  - Add any company-specific safety culture message/vision
- Here’s what we’re doing to encourage work zone safety and support this once-a-year safety campaign:
  - First and foremost, we’re asking our field leadership to stop work and stand-down for work zone safety some time on April 26.
  - We’re also asking field leadership to use this toolkit to facilitate relevant discussions, hopefully at the job site, on maintaining high awareness of work zone hazards. We encourage field leaders and crews to review these resources, choose a few pertinent topics to review, and motivate interactive crew discussion around those given topics.
  - Finally, we encourage our field leaders to continue discussion of this information in pre-shift meetings throughout NWZAW.

NAPA appreciates your hard work and continued vigilant awareness of the hazards associated with work zones. Importantly, don’t keep this topic to yourself! Here are three ways you can spread the message.

- Share with your peer groups
- Post on your website
- Share on social media