

# Trench Safety Stand Down June 18-23, 2018

Dear Client:

The 2018 Trench Safety Stand Down is sponsored by the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) and the Safety Ambassadors Club.

## What is a Safety Stand Down?

A Safety Stand Down presents the opportunity for employers to talk directly to employees and others about safety. This Stand Down will focus on trench and excavation hazards and reinforce the importance of using trench protective systems and protecting workers from trenching hazards.

## **Stand Down goals**

The goal is to reach out to the many workers who work in and around trenches and excavations to provide them with information about current excavation requirements and safety procedures for working in trenches.

By reaching as many workers as possible, employers can reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries that occur each year.

## Who can participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent trenching and excavation hazards in the workplace can participate in the Stand Down. NUCA encourages utility construction, residential, highway construction, plumbers, military, unions, associations, educational institutes, and safety equipment manufacturers to participate.



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#### How to get involved

Companies can participate in the Stand Down as a "Participating Organizations." To become a Participating Organization and to receive a Trench Safety Stand Down flyer with your company's logo:

- 1. Contact NUCA at safety@nuca.com;
- 2. Provide company name and state
- 3. Request to have company or organization logo inserted
- 4. Attach logo to email logos must be a minimum of 2.75" by 1.5" at 300 dpi. Preferred formats are: **.png** or **.tiff** with transparency or **.eps**
- 5. Provide email address
- 6. NUCA will insert your logo and email promotion to you
- 7. Print as many copies as needed.

#### How to conduct a Safety Stand Down

Companies can conduct a Trench Safety Stand Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity to draw attention to the specific hazards related to working in and around trenches and excavations.

#### **Recognition of participation**

NUCA asks that companies provide feedback about their Stand Down, such as when it was held, how many workers participated, and how you shared information with employees. NUCA will collect the information, publicize the overall total number of participants, and publish the names of the companies that held a Trench Safety Stand Down. NUCA will also provide a Certificate of Participation which will be emailed to all participating companies.

Download the Trench Safety Stand Down Completion form from http://www.nuca.com/tssd

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