

OSHA Announces Enhanced Fall Protection Enforcement in Three States

To target one of the construction industry's most dangerous hazards – falls from elevation – the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has [launched a new initiative](#) to conduct safety investigations on weekends in select counties in Colorado's Front Range, Montana, and South Dakota.

Through the fall of 2022, OSHA area offices in Denver and Englewood; Billings, Montana; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will undertake the "Weekend Work" initiative to open workplace safety and health inspections on weekends in Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, El Paso, Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Larimer and Weld counties in Colorado; Yellowstone, Carbon and Stillwater counties in Montana; and Minnehaha, Lincoln, Brookings, Pennington and Union counties in South Dakota.

OSHA's [stop falls website](#) offers safety information and [video presentations](#) in English and Spanish to teach workers about [hazards and proper safety procedures](#). Learn how to protect workers from fall hazards in construction [here](#).

Biden Administration Announces Grants to Boost CDL Programs

This week, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [announced](#) that the Biden Administration is awarding more than \$44 million in grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that will enhance road safety and make the process to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) more efficient.

States and other entities will be able to use the grants to improve their CDL programs by reducing wait times, ensuring conviction and disqualification data is electronically exchanged, implementing regulatory requirements, and combatting human trafficking. These grants, awarded through the Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation, are intended to get more qualified drivers on the road who can help meet supply chain demands.