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OSHA extends temporary enforcement measures in residential construction

WASHINGTON –The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will extend for six months its [temporary enforcement measures](#) in residential construction. The temporary enforcement measures, extended through September 15, 2012, include priority free on-site compliance assistance, penalty reductions, extended abatement dates, measures to assure consistency, and increased outreach. Fatalities from falls are the number one cause of workplace death in construction.

Over the past year, OSHA has worked closely with the industry, conducting over 1,000 outreach sessions nationwide to assist employers in complying with the [new directive](#). OSHA will continue to work with employers to ensure a clear understanding of, and to facilitate compliance with, the new policy.

[OSHA's Web page](#) also has a wide variety of educational and training materials to assist employers with compliance. Multiple easy-to-read fact sheets, PowerPoint and slide presentations, as well as other educational materials are available on the [Fall Protection in Residential Construction page](#).

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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