OSHA Launches New Fall Prevention Campaign

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Citing falls as the leading cause of death in construction, OSHA has launched a fall prevention campaign, emphasizing that these falls are preventable. OSHA first identifies the high fall construction activities as (1) floor openings; (2) fixed scaffolds; (3) bridge decking; (4) re-roofing; and (5) leading edge work.

OSHA next states that falls can be prevented and lives can be saved through “three simple steps”: Plan, Provide, and Train:

- PLAN ahead to get the job done safely.
- PROVIDE the right equipment.
- TRAIN everyone to use the equipment safely.

OSHA has partnered with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and National Occupational Research Agenda (“NORA”) – Construction Sector, on this nationwide outreach campaign to raise awareness among workers and employers about common fall hazards in construction, and how falls from ladders, scaffolds, and roofs can be prevented through planning ahead, providing the right equipment, and training employees.

OSHA has created a new fall prevention web page with detailed information in English and Spanish on fall protection standards at http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls. NIOSH and NORA also have created a page on the Centers for Disease Control website at http://www.cdc.gov.niosh/construction/stopfalls.html, as well as a joint website on fall protection at http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com that contains information from industry, nonprofit, and academic sources. The OSHA website also has materials and resources that employers can use during toolbox talks to train workers on safe practices to avoid falls in construction.

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The History of Jeopardy

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According to Wikipedia, Jeopardy! is an American television quiz show created by Merv Griffin in 1964. Like most programs of its genre, it features trivia in a wide variety of topics, including history, literature, the arts, pop culture, science, sports, geography, and wordplay; however, unlike them, it has a unique answer-and-question format in which contestants are presented with clues in the form of answers, and must phrase their responses in question form.

It debuted on NBC on March 30, 1964. Six categories are announced, each with a column of five trivia clues (phrased in answer form), each one incrementally valued more than the previous, ostensibly by difficulty. The subjects range from standard topics including history and current events, the sciences, the arts, popular culture, literature and languages, to pun-laden titles, wordplay categories, and even sets of categories with a common theme. The value of each clue within categories has increased over time:

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Jeopardy! has won a record 30 Daytime Emmy Awards since 1984. Thirteen of these have been for Outstanding Game/Audience Participation Show. Another five awards have been won by host Alex Trebek for Outstanding Game Show Host. In 2011, Trebek was announced as one of the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 38th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards held on June 17, 2011, and the following year, the show was honored with a Peabody Award for its role in encouraging, celebrating, and rewarding knowledge.

In January 2001, TV Guide ranked it #2 among the 50 Greatest Game Shows of All Time, Esquire magazine readers named it their “favorite game show,” and in the summer of 2006, it was also ranked #2 by GSN on their list of the 50 Greatest Game Shows of All Time. The show holds the record for the Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Game/Audience Participation Show, with 12.