

## ASAC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Monday, June 08, 2020**

Welcome to the week of June 8th and week two of ASAC June 2020 Fall Prevention Month.

I'd like to recognize the many partners that have come together to focus on fall prevention, each doing their part to keep our teams aware and safe: ASA Chapters of Colorado, Houston, Arizona, San Antonio, North Texas and ASA National, also AGC Houston, and Colorado Safety Association.

As we begin a new week, let me suggest that because social distancing still drives much of our daily activity, June 2020 Fall Prevention Month is an opportunity to bring your team together.

*Kristin White, ASAC Health and Safety Chair and OSHA attorney with Fisher Phillips, commented in her article last week that, "Many workplaces require social distancing on jobs now, the stand-down is a great way to bring people together during distancing. Contemplate small groups based upon your state or locality's guidelines or perhaps use different areas to conduct a stand down simultaneously across a worksite with multiple groups. Hold the stand down outside, where spacing is easier and virus transmission less likely. Videoconferencing is not ideal but could be incorporated to increase attendance from management and corporate workers. Keep people engaged by buying pizza or snacks, providing awards, or raffling prizes. A stand-down may seem dull or difficult during a pandemic, but planning and creative ideas can make it effective, safe, and fun."*

I am challenging you to come up with a creative way to talk about fall prevention to your employees and then share it with ASAC. Send us your photographs and how you brought fall prevention into your health and safety discussions this week; email to [DScifo@ASAColorado.com](mailto:DScifo@ASAColorado.com). ASAC will share your event with the industry through our next week's President's Message, on the ASAC website with a shareable link and on our social media platforms. Refer to this issue of the President's Message for more information, ideas and resources to host your fall prevention safety event.

Remember, June 2020 Fall Prevention Month is a voluntary event and an opportunity for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can host a June 2020 Fall Prevention Event by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".

In closing, I'd like to offer this week's leadership tip. Are you venturing on to new ground, being decisive amid the ambiguity, risking mistakes and challenging the paradigms that govern how you do business?

If you're not, you can hardly expect those further down in the ranks to be doing so. Let's face it, people will always be more influenced by the power of your example than by the example of your power.

Stay safe, make it a good week.