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To IHSA Stakeholders:

Once again this year, the IHSA is leading a campaign aimed at preventing injury and death from falls on the job. Work-related fall incidents are one of the primary safety issues for the member industries served by IHSA. IHSA is therefore encouraging its member firms and other groups to participate in this year's *Falls Awareness Week* campaign. While fall prevention is an ongoing longer-term campaign, a Falls Awareness Week will again take place this year from **May 6th – 10th across the province**, to bring attention to falls in construction.

The purpose of this campaign is to remind workplace parties, employers, and workers of the importance of their roles in preventing workplace injuries and fatalities stemming from working at heights. Falls Awareness Week is a voluntary opportunity for employers and workers to start a discussion by having a safety talk around fall hazards on the worksite.

Organizations, unions, and associations can participate in this year's campaign by instructing supervisors to stop work on their jobsite and simply take 15-30 minutes, anytime during their workday from May 6 - 10, 2019 to hold a safety talk about fall prevention and working safely at heights.

IHSA has developed informative materials to help hold a successful discussion on the topic of working safely at heights. These free, downloadable resources—such as safety talks, magazines, and brochures—are available on the IHSA *Fall Prevention and Working at Heights* topic page (https://www.ihsa.ca/topics_hazards/fall_prevention_wah.aspx). You can also email doyourpart@ihsa.ca to receive a package of printed materials.

Thank you in advance for doing your part in support of Falls Awareness Week.

Best regards,

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