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CBIA Recommends COVID-19 Jobsite Safety Stand Down for Home Construction Industry

SACRAMENTO – In the wake of the national surge in COVID-19 infections, CBIA recommends all residential construction companies remind workers what they should do to keep themselves safe from coronavirus and to help reduce its spread.

CBIA, National Association of Home Builders and the Leading Builders of America encourage the construction industry to halt work for at least 10 minutes the week of January 11-15 for a COVID-19 Jobsite Safety Stand Down.

“The hard-working men and women in the home building industry are essential workers who want everyone to have a place to call home,” said Dan Dunmoyer, CBIA President and CEO. “In order to address our housing shortage and provide housing for all, we need a healthy workforce. CBIA strongly encourages the entire building industry to ensure that everyone knows and follows recommended safety procedures that protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

A Safety Stand Down is a voluntary event for employers to reinforce the need to follow all COVID-19 safe work practices and protocols with workers and encourage them not let their guard down in preventing the spread of the virus.

Since the outset of the COVID-19 crisis in March 2020, the home construction industry has been a declared essential industry. This includes residential construction, developers, subcontractors, material suppliers, equipment manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, financiers, escrow officers and service technicians – all who play a role in building a steady supply of housing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the safety stand down, members are being asked to relay coronavirus safety precautions, such as wearing face coverings, maintaining a distance of six feet between workers at all times, cleaning and sanitizing frequently used tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces on a regular basis, ensuring the proper sanitation of common surfaces and equipment, and providing safe, clean, and accessible restrooms and adequate hand washing stations.

CBIA has compiled resources to help the building industry navigate the unprecedented and unique issues for the construction industry related to this public health crisis. This information will be continuously updated as more details become available. Please use these tools to protect the health of the construction workforce and reduce the spread of COVID-19. <https://cbia.org/covid19/>.

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