





# Heat Illness Awareness

The body cools itself by sweating. During hot weather, especially with high humidity, sweating is not enough. Without enough water and rest in the shade, body temperature can rise to dangerous levels. The result is **heat exhaustion** or **heat stroke**.

# HEAT RELATED ILLNESS- KNOW THE SIGNS

REST.

SHADE.

Illness	Symptoms	First Aid					
<b>Heat exhaustion</b> - The body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt, usually through sweating	<ul> <li>Light</li> <li>Headedness</li> <li>Weakness</li> <li>Weakness</li> <li>Thirst</li> <li>Irritability</li> <li>Fast heart beat</li> <li>Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>Dizziness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Have worker sit or lie down in a cool, shady area</li> <li>Give worker plenty of water or other cool beverages to drink</li> <li>Cool worker with cold compresses/ice packs</li> <li>Seek medical treatment if signs or symptoms worsen or do not improve within 60 minutes</li> </ul>					
Heat stroke- The most serious heat-related illness and requires immediate medical attention	<ul> <li>Confusion</li> <li>Fainting</li> <li>Seizures</li> <li>Very high body temperature</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Call 911</li> <li>Place worker in shady, cool area</li> <li>Loosen clothing, remove outer clothing</li> <li>Fan air on worker; cold packs in armpits</li> <li>Wet worker with cool water; apply ice packs, cool compresses, or ice if available</li> <li>Provide fluids (preferably water) as soon as possible</li> <li>Stay with worker until help arrives</li> </ul>					

# **RISK FACTORS FOR HEAT ILLNESS**

Risk factors that may influence heat illness include high air temperatures and humidity, direct sun exposure, indoor radiant heat sources (ovens, hot manufacturing processes, etc.), limited air movement, physical exertion, not drinking enough fluids (dehydration), personal protective equipment or clothing, certain medications (different kinds of blood pressure pills or antihistamines), physical condition, lack of recent exposure (not acclimatized), and age.

# TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAT ILLNESS



Stay Well Hydrated- drink 8 ounces of water every 15 to 20 minutes during moderate activity in moderately hot conditions

Avoid Consumption of "Energy Drinks"- these may dehydrate the body and increase the chance for heat stress



Take Time to Acclimatize- workers returning from an absence of 2 weeks or more should be more cautious while working; if a worker has been away for more than a week, gradually increase the workload or allow more frequent breaks the first week



Set-up a Buddy System- make sure your co-workers are making use of water and shade and are not experiencing

heat-related symptoms Report signs and symptoms of heat stress immediately



Take Time to Rest and Cool Down- take regular rest periods in shaded or air-conditioned recovery areas **Remember-** workers are at the greatest risk of suffering from heat related illness during the hottest part of the day (11am - 3pm), plan accordingly



Myth: The difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke is there is no sweating with heat stroke. **Truth: Exertional heat stroke victims may continue to produce sweat.** If a worker is experiencing symptoms of heat stroke (confusion, loss of consciousness, seizures, high body temperature), whether they are sweating or not, it is a life-threatening emergency! Call 911 and try to cool the worker down.

#### Get the OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool Smartphone App

For more information on heat related illness visit https://www.osha.gov/heat



# **Heat Mitigation Plan**

Caution	Extreme	Danger Heat index: 115 to 127° F				
Heat index: 91 to 102° F	Heat index: 103 to 114° F					
Minimum Requirements:	Additional Requirements:	Additional Requirements:				
• Alert workers to the heat index anticipated for the day and the need to monitor for signs and symptoms of heat stress as well the need to stay	<ul> <li>Ensure that all workers are drinking at least 4 cups of water per every hour.</li> <li>For non-heavy work implement</li> </ul>	• Where possible. Reschedule nonessential activities involving heavy work to a day / time when the heat index is lower.				
<ul> <li>hydrated.</li> <li>Provide adequate hydration (e.g. cool water and/or sport drinks).</li> <li>Provide reminders to workers to stay</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>work / rest cycles. 15 minute break for every 45 minutes worked.</li> <li>For heavy work implement work / rest cycles. 30 minutes of break for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For non-heavy work implement work / rest cycles of 30 minute break for every 30 minutes worked.</li> <li>For heavy work implement work /</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>hydrated throughout the day.</li> <li>Task Supervisor will periodically check work team members for signs and symptoms of heat stress and ensure they are taking adequate breaks.</li> </ul>	every 30 minutes worked.	rest cycles of 45 minute break for every 15 minutes worked.				
<ul> <li>Designate cooling areas (shaded areas, cooling trailers, inside air conditioned vehicle etc.).</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>For heavy work implement work / rest cycles. 15 minutes of break for every 45 minutes worked</li> </ul>						

Additional Prevention Methods: Sun visors, work area shade canopies, adjusted work schedules, cooling bandanas or vests, air movers, add extra personnel for physically demanding tasks etc.

**Note:** Where work and rest cycles (i.e. during frac stages, workover, rig move) or buddy systems (i.e. lone workers) are not feasible, alternative solutions are identified by the Task Supervisor and implemented to reduce heat stress related fatigue.

**Note:** Examples of heavy work include: climbing, repeatedly carrying heavy equipment/supplies (40 lbs), wearing chemical PPE that covers large parts of the body or installing equipment, using hand tools for extended periods of time.

#### **NOAA National Weather Service**

#### **Heat Index**

# Temperature (°F)

		80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
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	95	86	93	100	108	117	127										
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Likelihood of Heat Disorders with Prolonged Exposure or Strenuous Activity



Extreme Caution



