## **BEAT THE HEAT** & KEEP COOL: OUTDOORS

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### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- How to increase awareness of heat illness
- How to prevent heat illness
- Actionable safety tips
- Regulatory language



### TOPICS

- What is Outdoor Heat Illness?
- Regulations & Consequences
- 10 Steps to Beat the Heat Outdoors
- What to Do in High Heat
- Helpful Resources
- Q&A



## HEAT ILLNESS CAN BE DEADLY

"Environmental heat exposure contributed to **37** work-related deaths and **2,830** nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses in 2015. Nearly 90% occurred from June through September.."

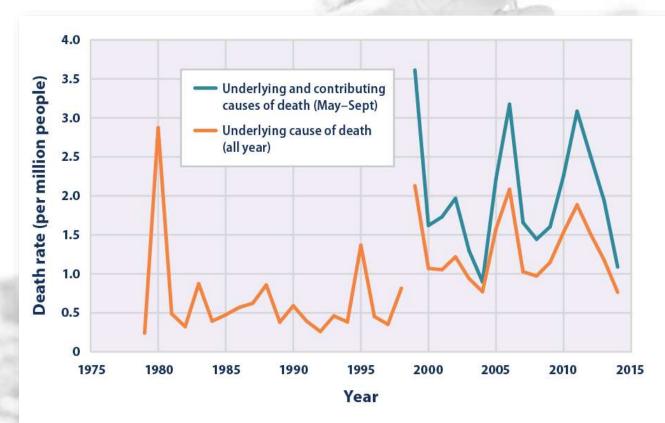
**Bureau of Labor Statistics** 





#### HEAT RELATED DEATHS

#### Heat Stroke and Illness Deaths in US, 1975 - 2015





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## What is Outdoor Heat Illness?

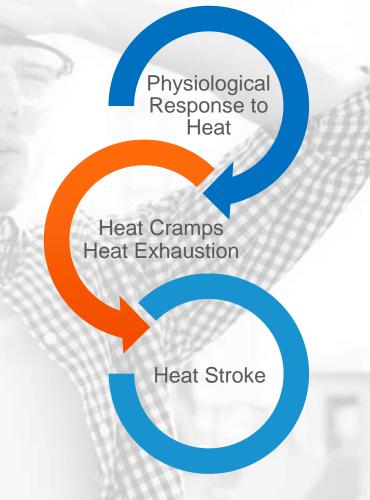




### HEAT ILLNESS DEFINED

Excessive sweating = dehydration

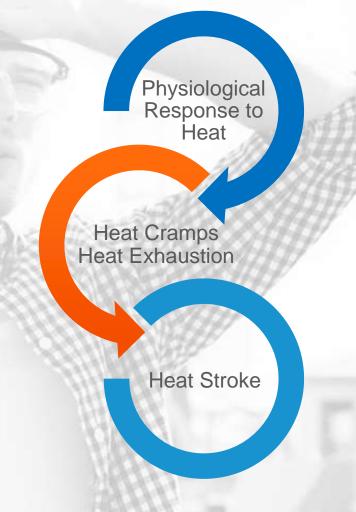
- The body loses ability to cool
- Increased blood flow to skin causes decrease in organ function
- Leads to heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke





**Excessive Loss of Electrolytes** 

- Painful cramps are early warning signs
- Usually in legs or abdomen
- Stop activity, hydrate, rest in cool place!
- Get medical attention if condition continues





#### Water depletion:

- Excessive thirst
- Weakness
- Headache
- Loss of consciousness

#### Salt depletion:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Dizziness

#### STOP ACTIVITY AND SEEK TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY



### HEAT STROKE

- Cooling mechanism shuts down
- Can kill or cause brain damage
- Targets over 50, young athletes, obese, disabled



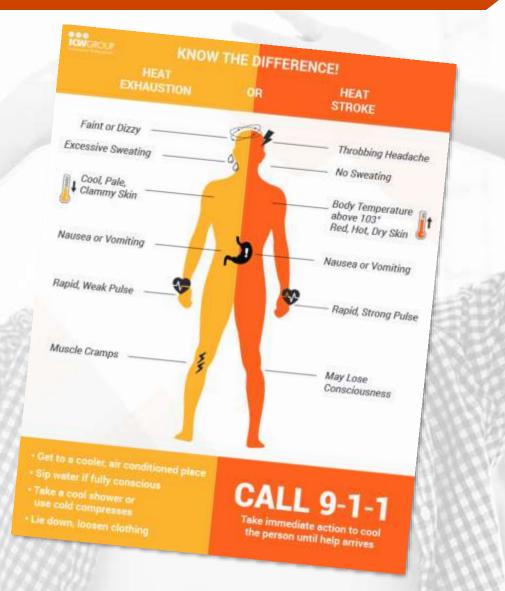
# 50% die even with medical attention



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### KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

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## Regulations & Consequences



### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a workplace free from serious hazards
- Examine workplace conditions
- Establish and communicate procedures
- Ensure employees follow safety and health requirements



### RESPONSIBILITIES

 Provide safety training in language and vocabulary workers understand • Adopt Injury and Illness Prevention Program

#### **Preventing Heat Illness and Keeping Employees Safe is Your Responsibility**



### CONSEQUENCES

#### **Outdoor temperature exceeds 80°F...**

If any of the required elements are not present:

- Trained Employees or Supervisor
- Drinking Water
- Emergency Response Procedures
- Shade

#### You Risk a Serious Citation





### CONSEQUENCES

#### Order Prohibiting Use (OPU) may be issued:

- Temperature is  $\geq 95^{\circ}F$
- Water, shade, training or emergency procedures not in place
- Temperature is ≥ 80°F and there are critical factors putting employees in danger

#### An OPU will:

- Shut down operations
- Work will not be allowed to resume until the imminent hazard is corrected



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## 10 Steps to Beat the Heat Outdoors







### 1. ACCLIMATIZATION

- Lessen intensity/shift length for new employees
- Closely observe those newly assigned for first 14 days
- Be extra-vigilant to recognize symptoms
- Modify work schedules
- Reschedule nonessential duties





### 2. WATCH HEAT

Monitor weather at worksite

- Plan & communicate how weather information impacts:
  - Work schedules
  - Water intake
  - Rest breaks







Potable drinking water must be available to employees, at no cost

- Maintain sufficient pure and cool drinking water
- Provide at least one quart per employee per hour for entire shift!





### 4. ACCESS TO SHADE

Must be permitted at all times!

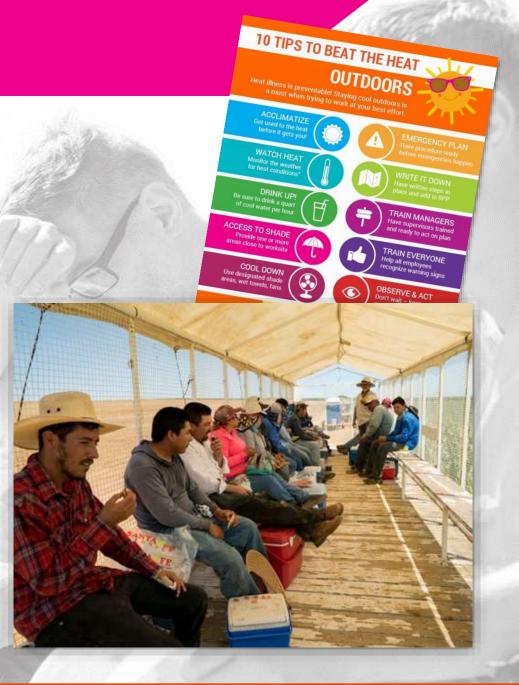
BELOW 80°F

• Provide access to shade on request

ABOVE 80°F

- Provide to all employees for:
  - Recovery time
  - Rest periods
  - Meal periods



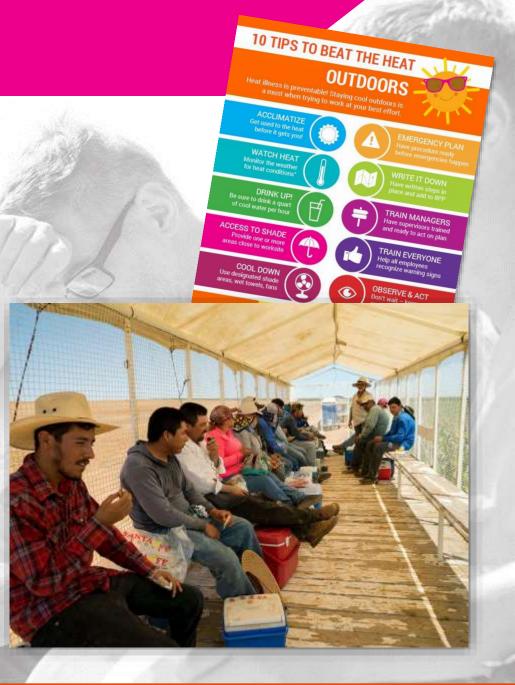


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### 4. ACCESS TO SHADE

Have 1 or more areas of shade available

- Locate as close as practical to worksite
- Must not cause exposure to another health or safety hazard







Encourage employees to cool-down in shade

- Provide wet towels and items to facilitate cooling
- Supply with cool water
- Monitor employees on cool-down

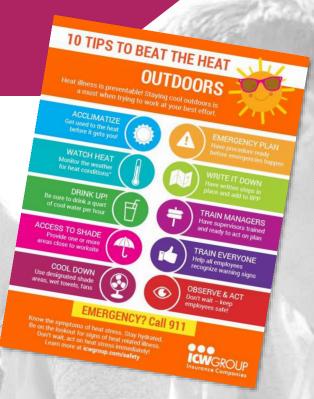






Ask if they're experiencing signs of heat illness

- Don't let employees back to work until symptoms abate
- Take appropriate first aid steps or emergency response





### 7. EMERGENCY PLAN

Have procedures in place for:

- Effective communication
- Response to signs of possible heat illness
- Supervisor to take immediate action
- Implementing emergency response procedures if serious heat illness occurs





### 7. EMERGENCY PLAN

Have procedures in place for:

- Monitoring employees exhibiting signs of heat illness shall be monitored
- Onsite first aid and appropriate emergency medical services
- Contacting emergency medical services
- Ensuring clear and precise directions to the worksite

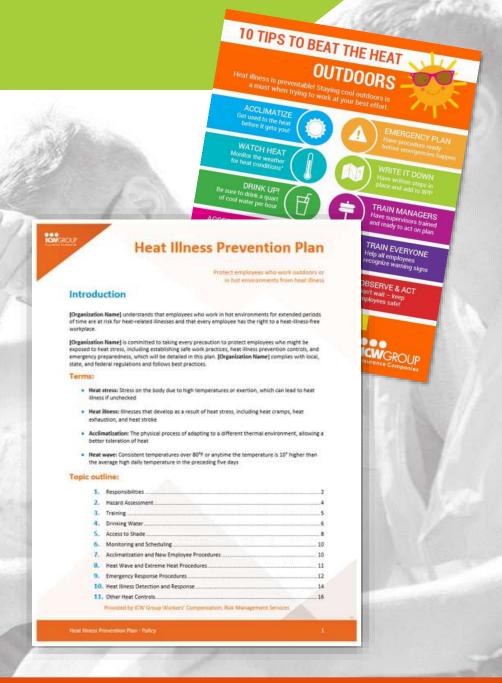






Integrate effective outdoor Heat Illness Procedures into IIPP

- Have accessible to employees and OSHA
- Provide in English and language understood by majority of employees





### 7. WRITE IT DOWN

Detail how your company will:

- Address acclimatization methods and procedures
- Monitor weather
- Provide access to water, shade and cool-down areas
- Institute high heat procedures





### 7. WRITE IT DOWN

Detail how your company will:

- Train employees and supervisors
- Respond to heat illnesses without delay
- Provide first aid and emergency services
- Provide clear and precise directions to worksite





### 8. TRAIN MANAGERS

- Before "heat stress" conditions occur
- Heat standard requirements
- Company plan and procedures
- How to monitor temperatures
- Response to hot weather advisories



## 8. TRAIN MANAGERS

- How and when to implement plan
- How to recognize heat illness symptoms
- What to do if heat illness is suspected
- How to monitor weather reports and respond to weather advisories



## 9. TRAIN EVERYONE

- Environmental and personal risk factors
- Added burden of heat load on body
- Your company's Heat Illness Plan
- Accessibility to:
  - Water
  - Rest & cool-down
  - First aid



## 9. TRAIN EVERYONE

- Importance of frequent, small quantities of water
- Different types of heat illness
- Common signs and symptoms
- Appropriate first aid
- Emergency response
- Knowledge that heat illness can progress rapidly



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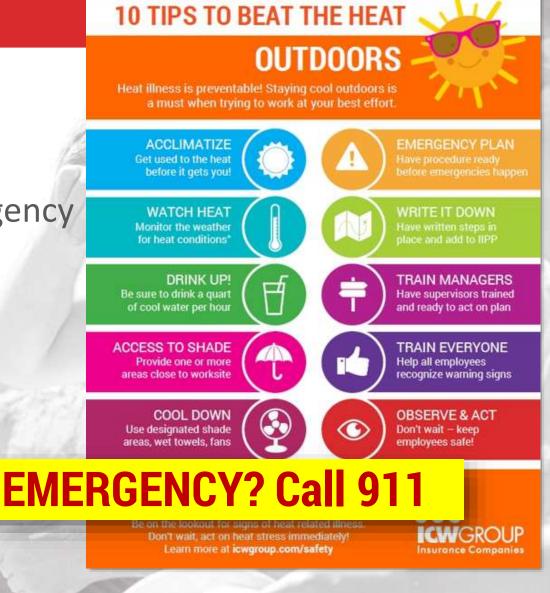
- The concept, importance, and methods of acclimatization
- Importance of immediately reporting signs to supervisor
- Procedures for responding to heat illness





## 10. OBSERVE & ACT

- Don't wait follow procedures
- Designated employee invokes emergency procedures
- Provide first aid
- Stay with worker
- Contact 911
- Supply precise directions





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## What to Do In High Heat





### WHAT TO DO IN HIGH HEAT

#### High Heat: Temperature equals or exceeds 95°F

Typical industries impacted:

- Agriculture
- Construction
- Landscaping
- Oil and Gas Extraction
- Transportation





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#### High Heat: Temperature equals or exceeds 95°F

Procedures

- Hold pre-shift meetings on prevention
- Give frequent reminders to drink plenty of water
- Observe employees for alertness and signs of heat illness
- Designate one or more employees to call for emergency services



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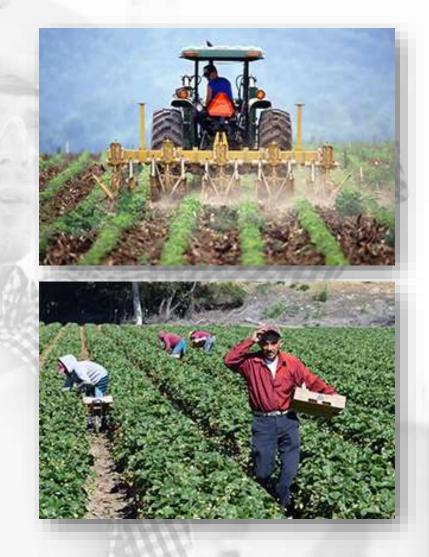
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Agricultural Employers:

- Ensure employees take a 10 minute cool-down every 2 hours
- 10 minute cool-down at end of 8th and 10th hour of work





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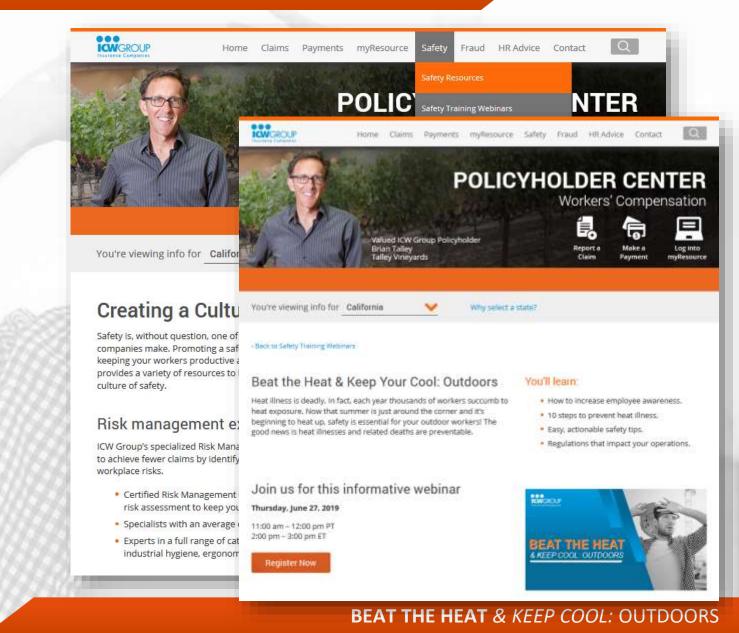


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## Questions?





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