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Extreme Heat Awareness

When the weather gets hotter, working conditions can quickly go from uncomfortable to hazardous. Heat related sicknesses can pose a real danger so it's important for workers to find ways to keep themselves cool.

Whether you're working outside in the scorching sun or inside with minimal airflow, knowing how to handle the heat is essential.

Health Risks Associated with Extreme Heat:

1. **Heat Exhaustion:** Symptoms include heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, and headache.
2. **Heat Stroke:** A life-threatening condition marked by a body temperature above 104°F (40°C), confusion, seizures, and loss of consciousness.
3. **Dehydration:** Increased fluid loss can lead to severe dehydration, especially in vulnerable populations.
4. **Worsening of Chronic Conditions:** Extreme heat can exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

Vulnerable Populations:

- The elderly
- Infants and young children
- Individuals with pre-existing health conditions
- Outdoor workers
- Low-income communities without access to cooling resources

Preventive Measures:

1. **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty.
2. **Limit Outdoor Activities:** Try to stay indoors during the hottest parts of the day (typically 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
3. **Seek Cool Environments:** Use air conditioning, fans, or visit public places like libraries or community centers.
4. **Wear Appropriate Clothing:** Light, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing helps keep your body cool.



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5. **Check on Vulnerable Individuals:** Regularly check in on neighbors, friends, or family members who may be at risk.

Signs of Heat-Related Illness:

- Heavy sweating or lack of sweating
- Confusion or altered mental state
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid pulse
- Skin that feels hot and dry (in heat stroke)

Emergency Response:

- **If you suspect someone has heat stroke:** Call emergency services immediately. Move the person to a cooler place, remove excess clothing, and cool them down with wet cloths or ice packs.
- **For heat exhaustion:** Move to a cooler location, hydrate with water or sports drinks, and rest.

Extreme heat is a serious threat that can affect anyone. Awareness, preparation, and appropriate responses can help mitigate the risks associated with high temperatures. Stay informed and take proactive steps to protect yourself and those around you.

