



New OSHA Emphasis Program Targets Heat Hazards

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OSHA is launching a targeted program to protect workers across the nation from the increasing threat of heat-related illness. This is the first step towards the Agency publishing an official standard on heat injury and illness prevention. The National Emphasis Program (NEP) on heat creates, for the first time, a nationwide enforcement mechanism for OSHA to proactively inspect workplaces for heat-related hazards in all industries where operations allege hazardous exposures to heat - both outdoors and indoors. To assist with compliance, OSHA is offering its free On-Site Consultation program for small and medium-sized businesses to help employers address heat-related hazards. IRMA will keep members apprised of proposed rulemaking. In the interim, it is recommended all members review OSHA's Health Illness Prevention Campaign in order to begin the compliance process with the NEP and prepare for heat-related risks this summer season.

Links:

[OSHA National Emphasis Program](#)

[OSHA On-Site Consultation Program](#)

[OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Campaign](#)