

Heat-related Illness & Death in Construction



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Image: Iron worker using a thermic lance and a supplied air respirator.

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According to the National Weather Service, what is the leading cause of weather-related deaths?



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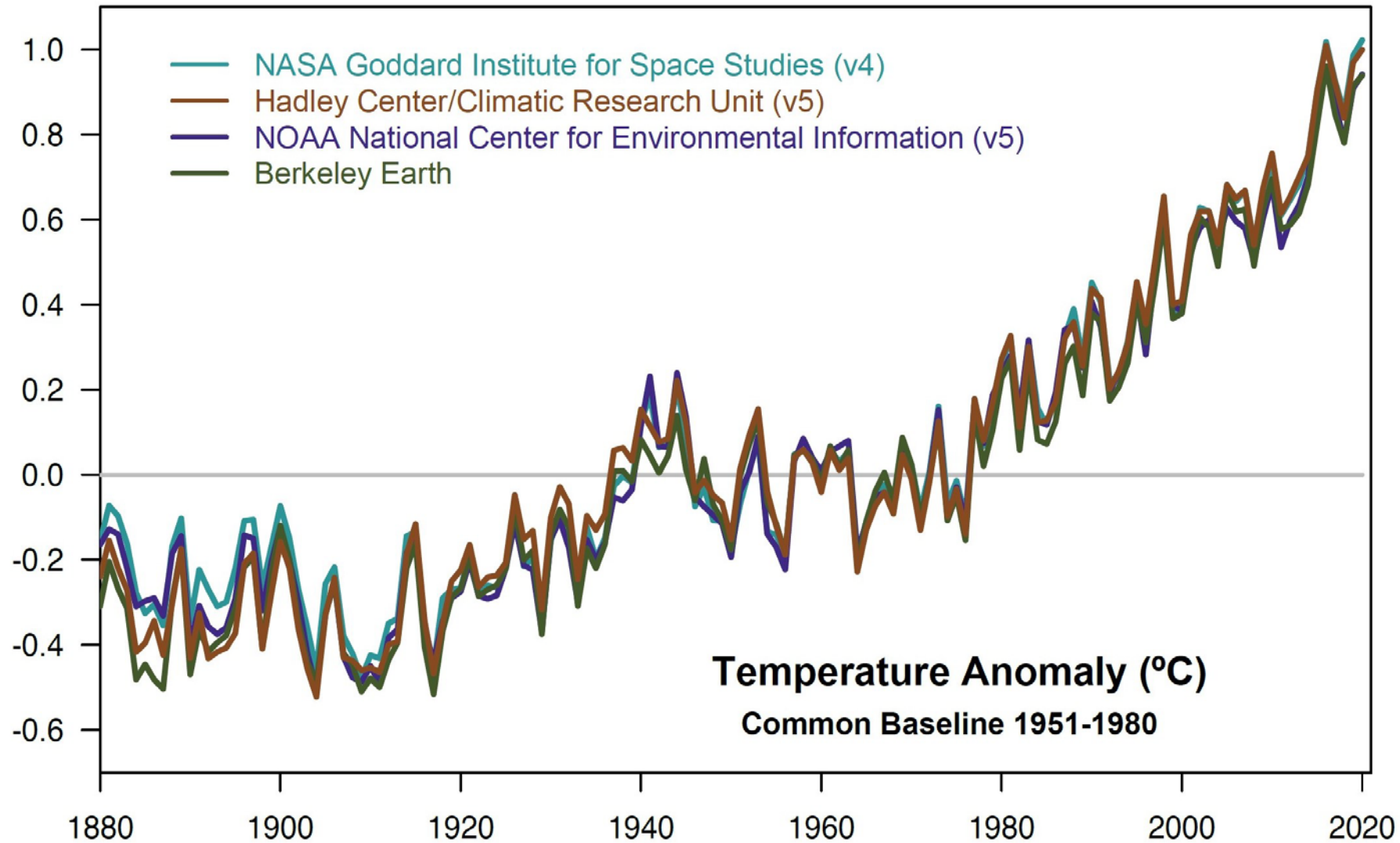
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The answer is
HEAT



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Heat has always been an occupational hazard but data show that global temperatures are rising



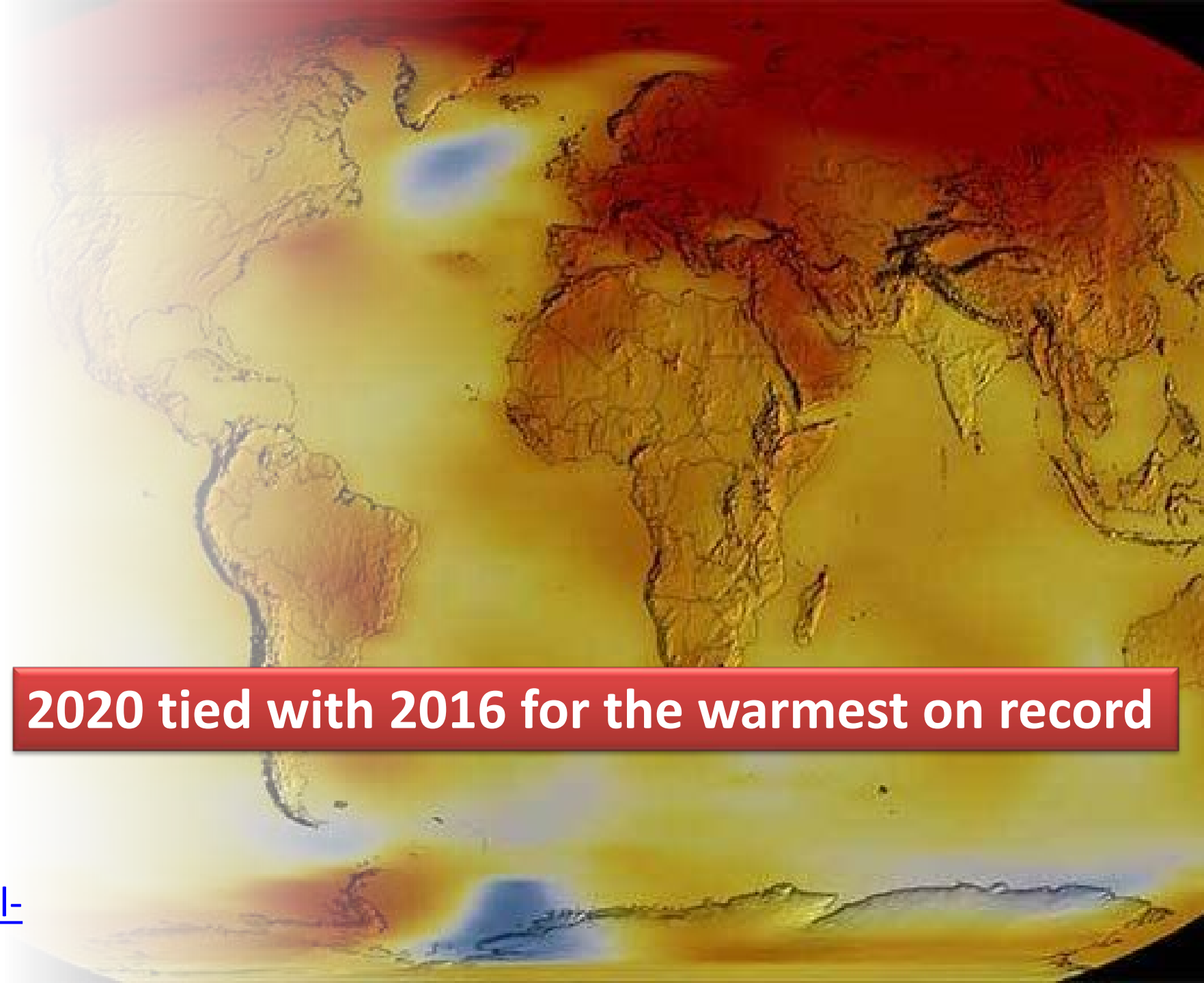
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Gavin Schmidt*

**Nineteen of
the warmest
years on
record have
occurred
since 2000**

2020 tied with 2016 for the warmest on record

Source: NASA/GISS

<https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/global-temperature/>



FOURTH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT

Volume II: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States

The National Climate Assessment (NCA) assesses the science of climate change and variability and its impacts across the United States, now and throughout this century.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

REPORT CHAPTERS

OVERVIEW

DOWNLOADS

**Rising temps
threaten worker
health and
productivity**

**The most recent National
Climate Assessment predicts
\$160 billion in lost wages
annually in the USA this century**

Image by: Bruce Lippy



Construction can involve serious hazards, and heat exposure is one of them

Symptoms of heat-related illnesses include:

- Dizziness
- Light-headedness
- Fainting
- Altered mental state
- Confusion
- Muscle cramps
- Seizures

CPWR researchers and colleagues published a study on heat-related deaths in construction

CPWR KEY FINDINGS FROM RESEARCH



Heat-related deaths among construction workers

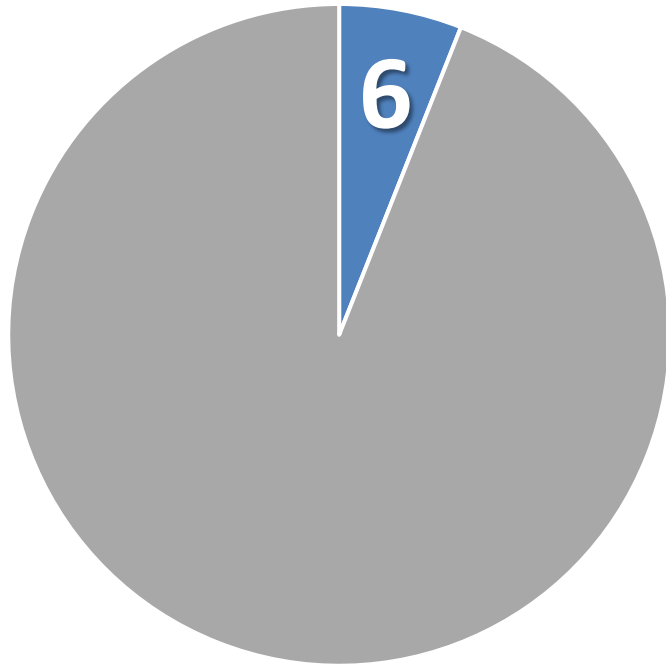
Heat-related deaths among construction workers in the United States

Xiuwen Sue Dong, Gavin H. West, Alfreda Holloway-Beth, Xuanwen Wang, and Rosemary K. Sokas. American Journal of Industrial Medicine, 2019.

Source: Fatal injury data were generated by the CPWR Data Center with restricted access to BLS CFI micro data. The views expressed here do not necessarily reflect the views of the BLS. Employment data were from the Current Population Survey. Calculations by the authors.

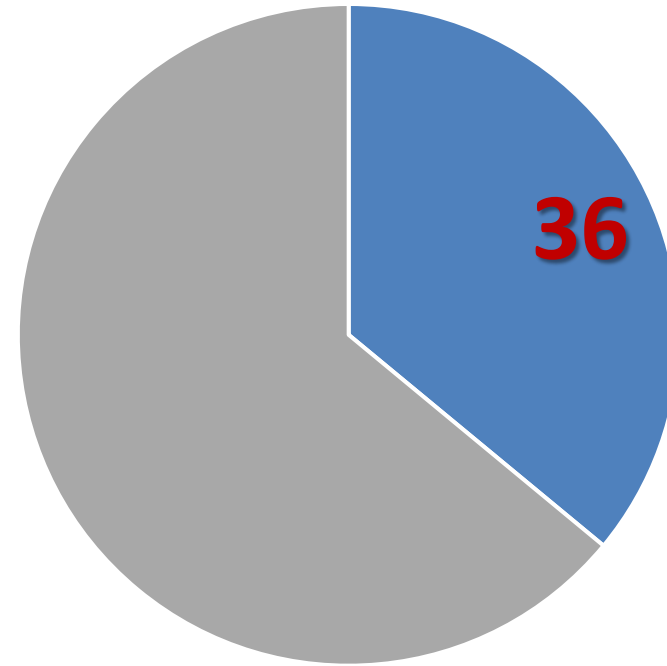
Construction workers had a disproportionate risk of heat-related death (HRD)

% of US workforce



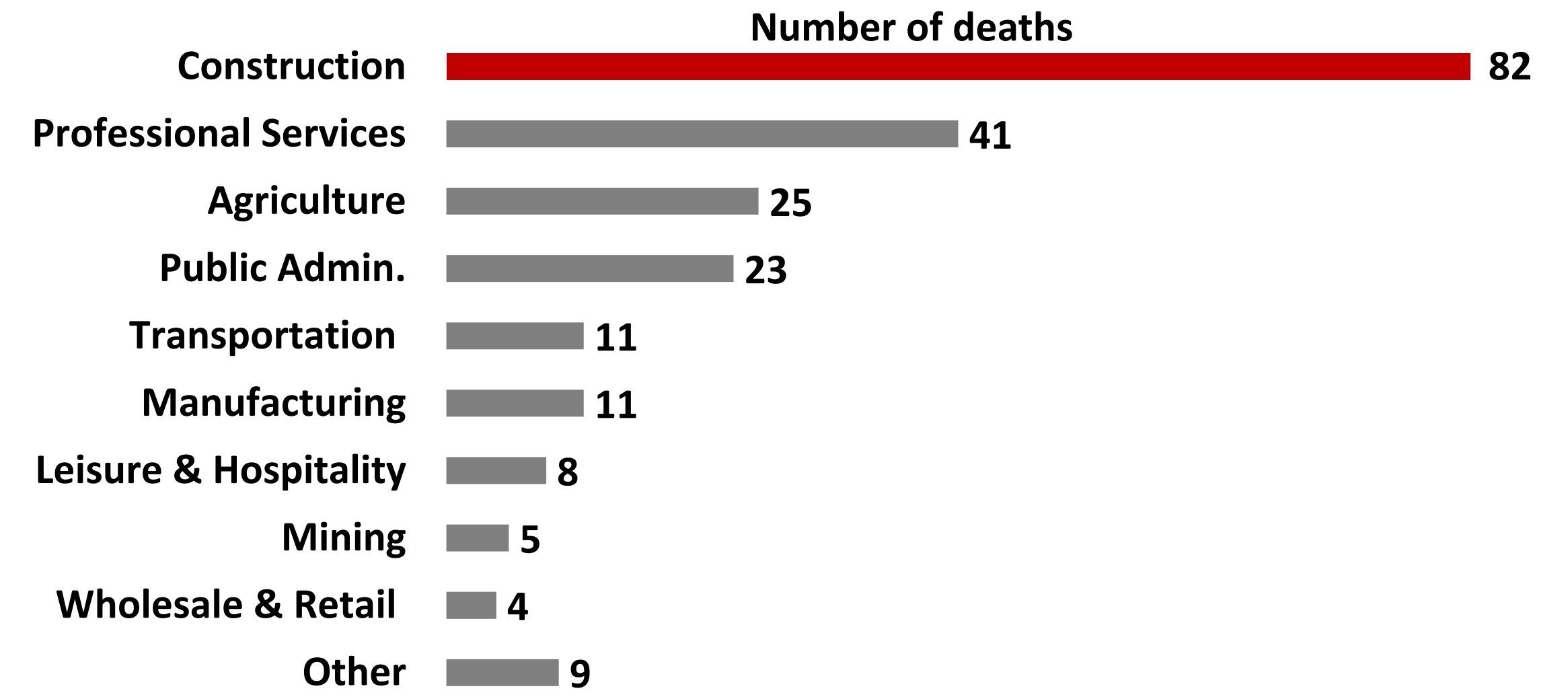
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% of HRD (1992-2016)

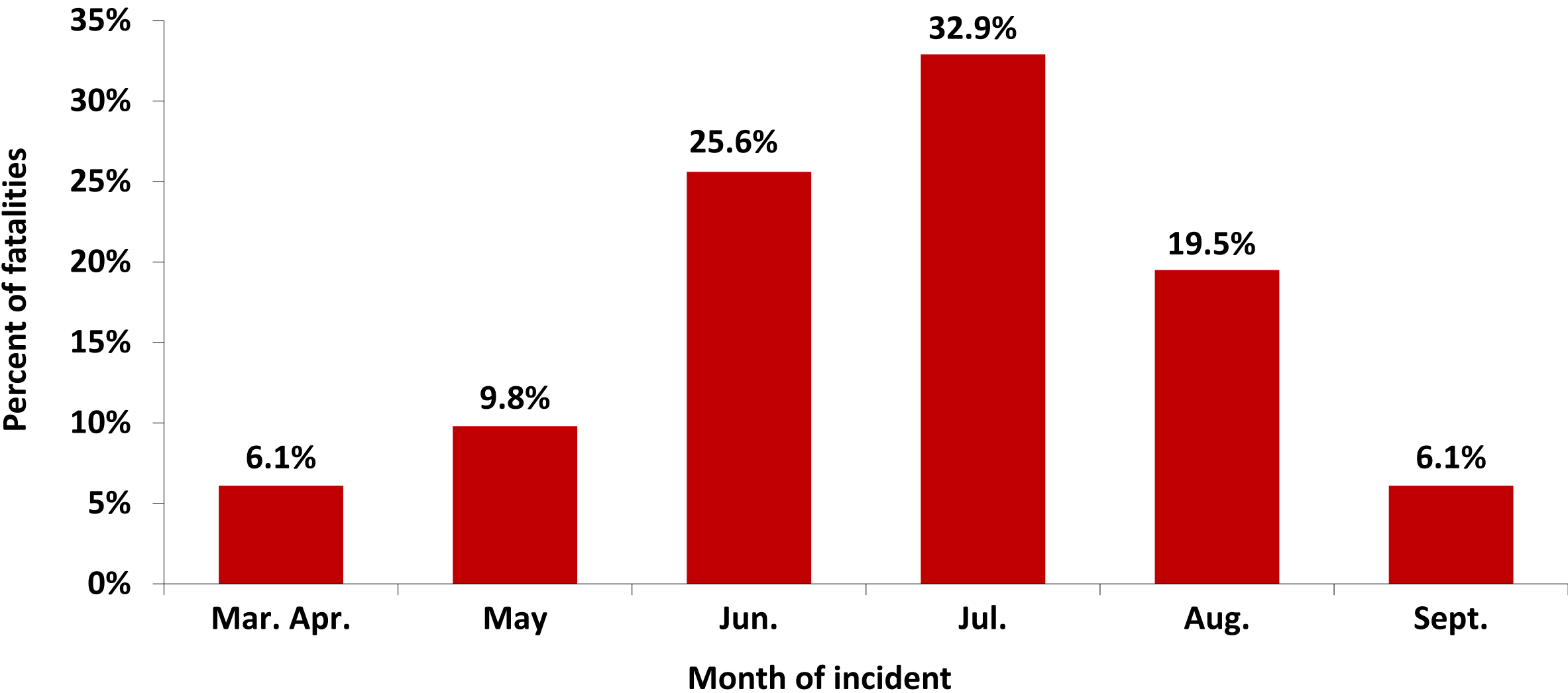


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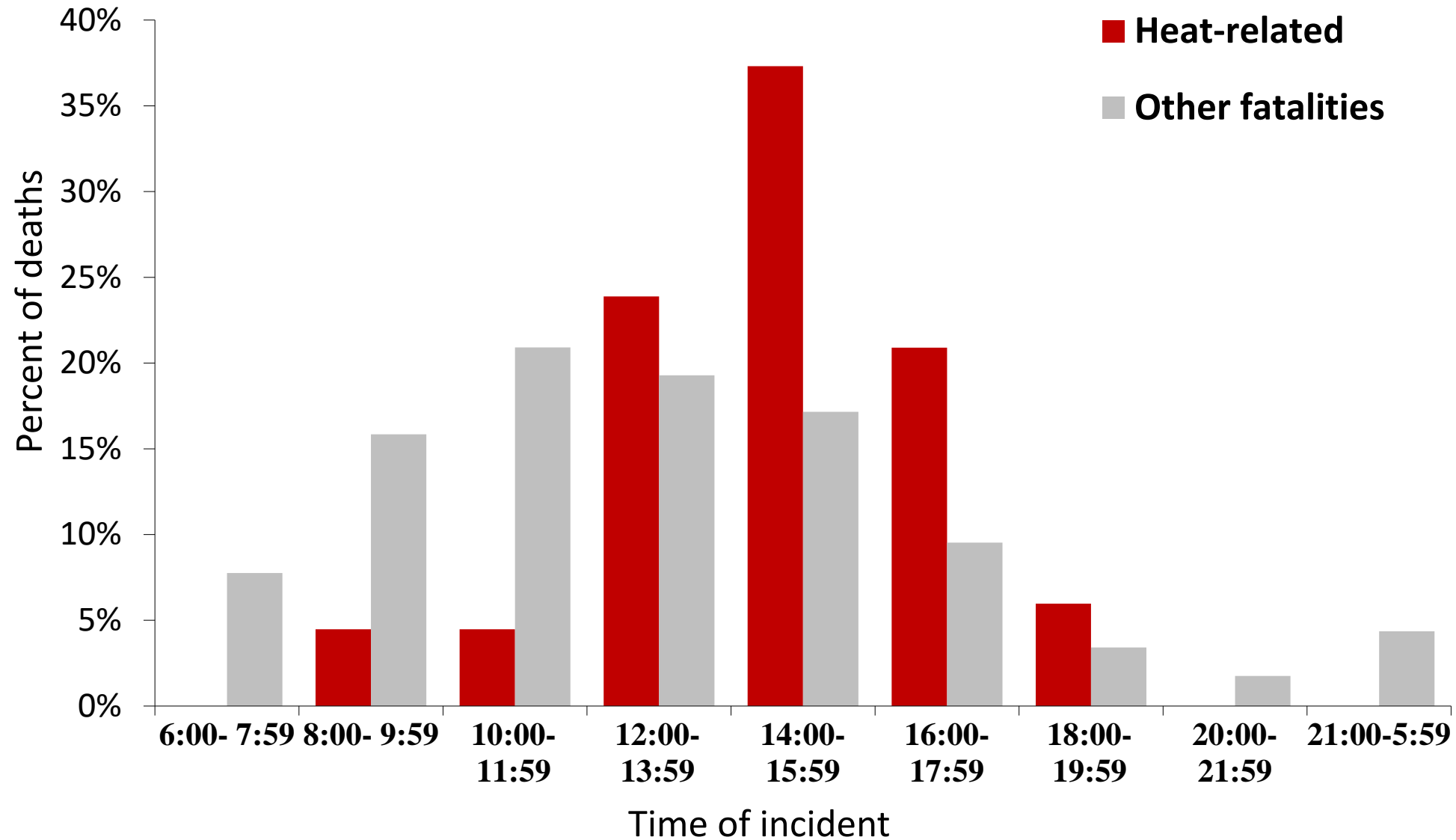
Over 80 US construction workers suffered heat-related deaths from 2011-2016



Most of the deaths in that time period occurred during the **warmest months** of the year, as expected



And in the **afternoon**, especially 2 to 4 p.m.



The deaths occurred in multiple subsectors



We've looked at frequencies, but rates tell us more about risk

The following 3 tables show:

- Rates per 100,000 full-time construction workers
- A risk index using the average risk of heat-related deaths from 2011-2016 as the reference category (risk = 1)
- Significantly elevated risks ($p < 0.05$) denoted by *

Foreign born workers and races/ethnicities other than white, non-Hispanic were higher risk groups for HRD

	Number of heat-related deaths		Incidence rate of heat-related deaths			
	2011-2016 total	%	2011-2016 average rate ^a	95% Confidence Interval		Risk index ^b
				Lower	Upper	
Race/Ethnicity						
Hispanic	26	31.7%	0.18	0.17	0.18	1.21*
White, non-Hispanic	46	56.1%	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.85
Black, non-Hispanic	6	7.3%	0.22	0.20	0.24	1.51*
Other	4	4.9%	0.21	0.19	0.24	1.46*
Birth place						
Non-US born	26	31.7%	0.19	0.19	0.20	1.33*
US born	56	68.3%	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.90

Construction workers in the south also had a higher risk

	Number of heat-related deaths		Incidence rate of heat-related deaths			
	2011-2016 total	%	2011-2016 average rate ^a	95% Confidence Interval		Risk index ^b
				Lower	Upper	
Region						
Northeast	9	11.0%	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.66
Midwest	13	15.9%	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.81
South	51	62.2%	0.22	0.21	0.23	1.53*
West	9	11.0%	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.48

The biggest differences in risk were related to occupation

Any guesses why?	Number of heat-related deaths		Incidence rate of heat-related deaths			
	2011-2016 total	%	2011-2016 average rate ^a	95% Confidence Interval		Risk index ^b
				Lower	Upper	
Occupation						
Laborer	24	29.3%	0.29	0.27	0.30	1.93*
Roofer	11	13.4%	1.04	0.90	1.23	6.93*
Carpenter	8	9.8%	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.87
Cement mason	5	6.1%	1.62	1.27	2.24	10.80*
Brick mason	4	4.9%	0.50	0.43	0.62	3.33*
Electrician	4	4.9%	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.87
Plumber	4	4.9%	0.15	0.14	0.17	1.00
Foreman	4	4.9%	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.73
Heating A/C mech	3	3.7%	0.18	0.16	0.20	1.20*
Helper	3	3.7%	1.03	0.79	1.48	6.87*
All construction	82	100.0%	0.15	0.14	0.15	1.00

The answer is **we really don't know**, but we can make educated guesses

- Study wasn't designed to tell us why risks exist
- Could risks be interrelated?
- Are foreign born workers more likely to:
 - work in hotter southern states,
 - perform physically demanding jobs,
 - work for smaller firms with fewer H&S resources,
 - and be unaware of basic rights?
- The large differences by occupation suggest something about the work itself



Image by: Cement
Masons/Washington State
Department of Labor and
Industries

Heavy workloads
can increase core
temps and cause
electrolyte
imbalance and
dehydration
through sweat
loss

Machinery and power tools can generate **radiant heat**



**Many jobs
involve
exposure to
direct sunlight**



Image by: Mount Sinai/ CHEP

Heavy PPE can interfere with the body's ability to cool itself



**Access to
water,
shade, and
cooled
spaces
varies by
jobsite**



**Image credit: Kiewit
Power Constructors**

Image by: OSHA Training Institute,
Southwest Education Center

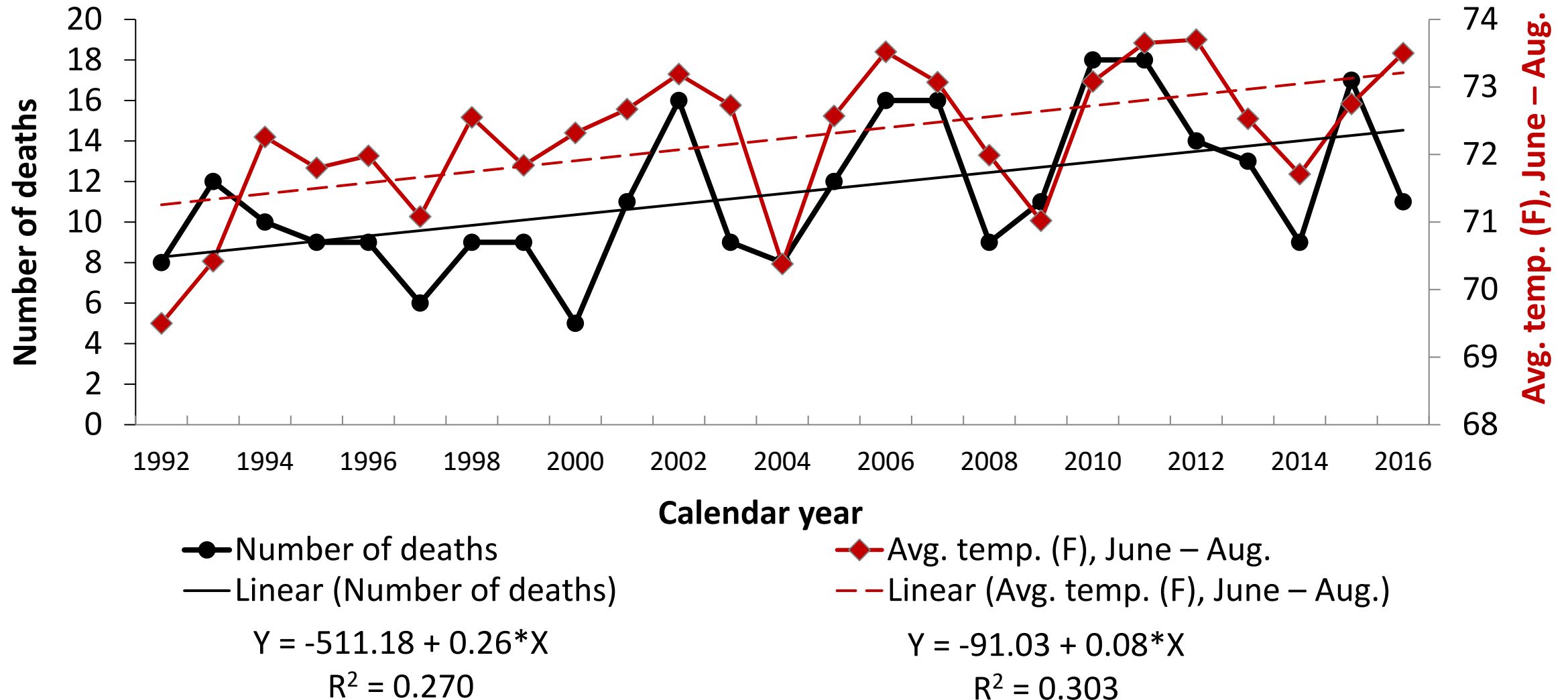
**Temporary
employment in
construction
can complicate
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efforts**



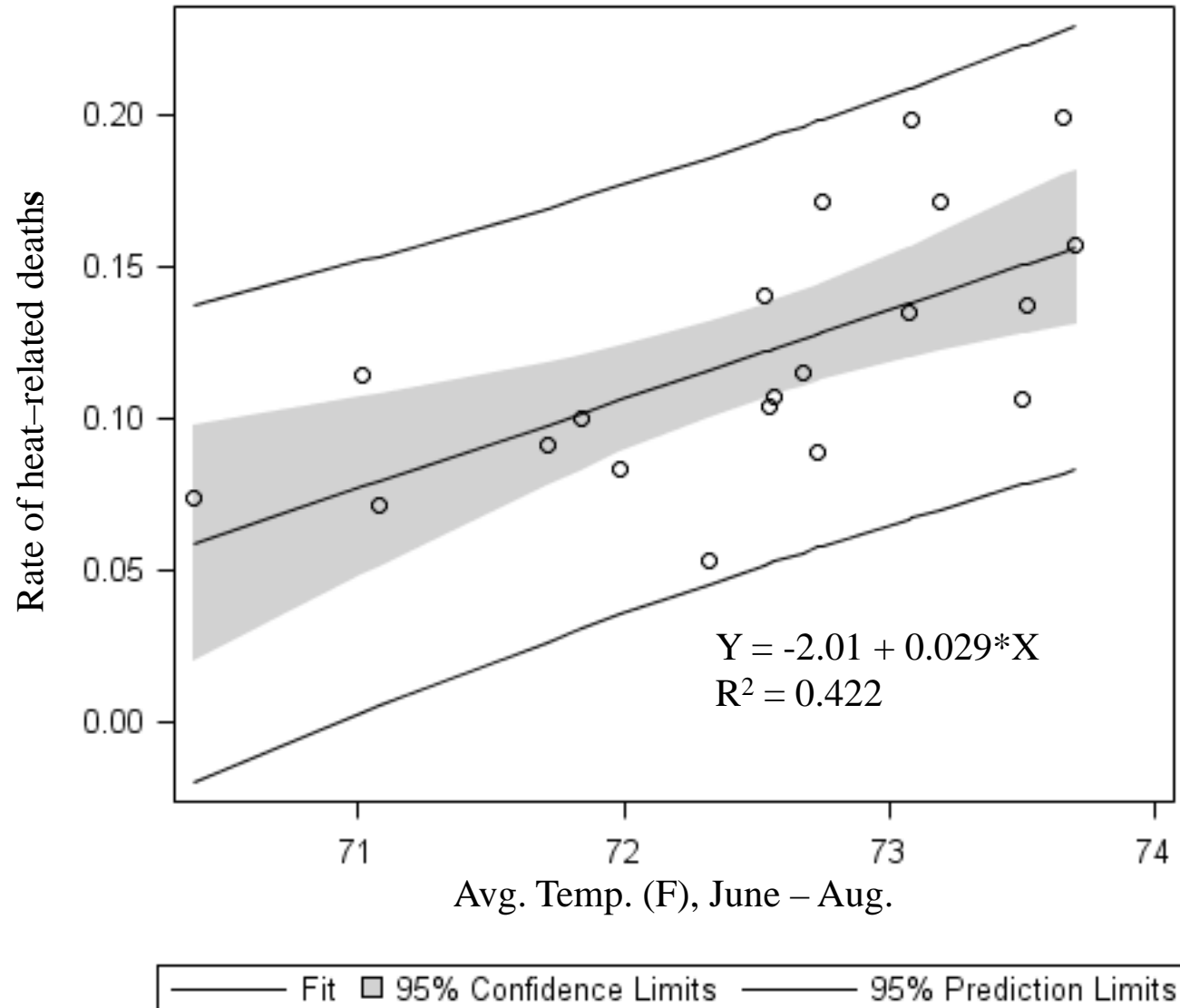
Going back to our study, relationships between increasing temps and HRD were statistically significant

*“Over the entire duration of the study period, **increasing summer temperatures** in the contiguous United States **correlated positively with the annual number of heat-related deaths in construction** ($r=0.609$; 95% CI: 0.282, 0.810) **and with the rate of heat-related death** ($r=0.414$; 95% CI: 0.022, 0.695).”*

This chart shows rising temperatures and heat-related construction deaths over time



Increases in average summer temps within a narrow range were associated with higher rates of HRD



Some takeaways from the CPWR study

- Heat is a **serious hazard** for construction workers
- The threat it poses appears to be **getting worse**
- **Cement masons** were 10 times more likely to die from heat than the average construction worker
- **Roofers and helpers** were 7 times more likely
- **Interventions are needed** to protect the health and productivity of all construction workers, especially those in the highest risk groups
- **Further research is warranted** (e.g. non-fatal illness)

**Heat Stress
can be like a
volcano -
explosive
and deadly**

A photograph of a volcano erupting at night, with bright orange and red lava flows cascading down its slopes. Overlaid on the image are four horizontal bars of increasing width and changing color from red to yellow, each with a text label. The bars are positioned at different heights on the volcano, corresponding to the text labels. The background is a dark, cloudy sky.

Heat Stroke

Heat Related Illnesses

Heat Strain

Jobs With Excessive Heat Stress

Slide content courtesy: Bernie Mizula

“The incidence of occupational heat-related disorders in the US is not known although millions of workers have some level of exposure to hot environments.”

Gubernot, D.M., Anderson, G.B. & Hunting, K.L. The epidemiology of occupational heat exposure in the United States: a review of the literature and assessment of research needs in a changing climate. Int J Biometeorol (2014) 58: 1779. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00484-013-0752-x>

The Asuncion Valdivia Heat Illness and Fatality Prevention Act was introduced by congress this year

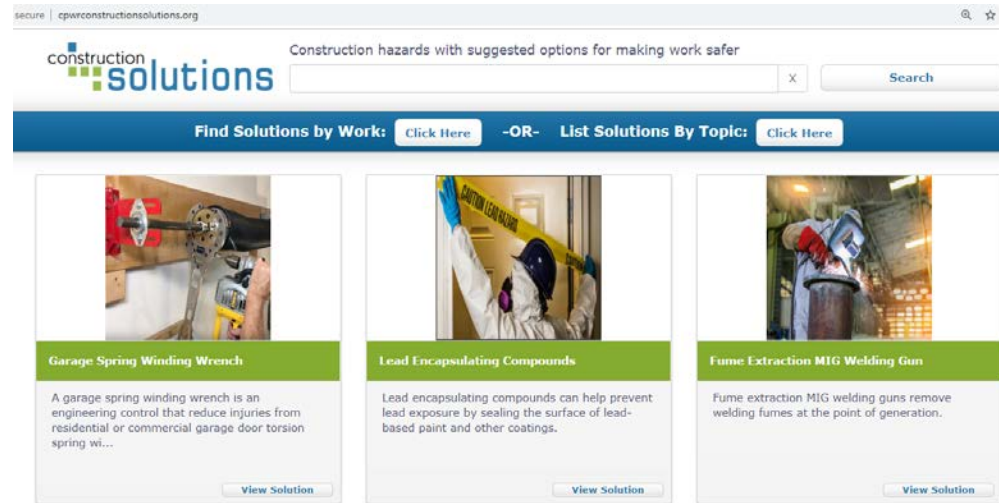
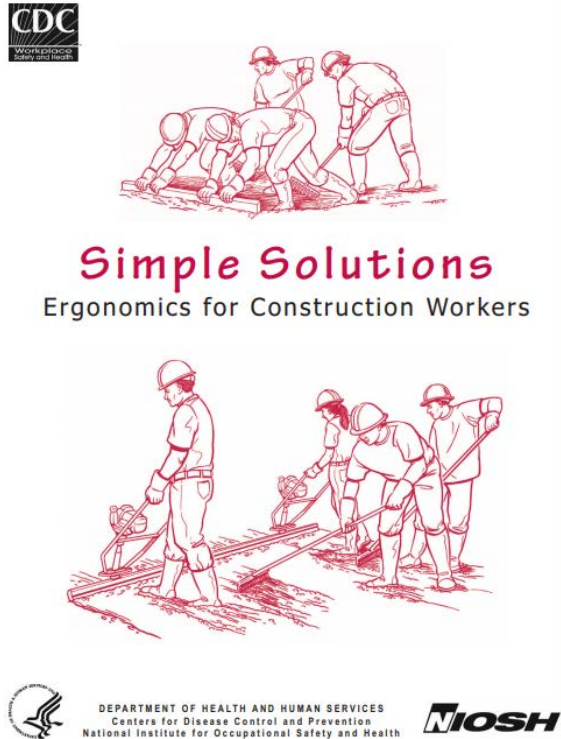
- The bill notes that:
- “Between 1992 and 2017, 815 United States workers died from heat and almost 70,000 were seriously injured.”
- “These numbers are generally understood to be gross undercounts because many heat-related illnesses and deaths are blamed on natural causes.”

Heat-Related Solutions

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Construction Solutions Overview



Background

- Three states with standards for heat exposure:



- Federal OSHA does not have a specific heat standard
 - They launched a OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention Campaign in 2011

WATER. REST. SHADE.

Keeping Workers Safe in the Heat



State Heat Plans OSHA Guidance

California

- “... when the outdoor **temperature** in the work area exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, the employer shall...”

Minnesota

- Uses WBGT for measuring climate which also measures effect of humidity... but it is **indoor only**

Washington

- “apply to outdoor work environments ... at or above an applicable **temperature**...”

TABLE 1. Two-hour time-weighted average permissible heat exposure limits.	
WORK ACTIVITY	WBGT, °F
Heavy work	77
Moderate work	80
Light work	86

Minnesota's Work Activity Factor Table

TABLE 1. Outdoor Temperature Action Levels	
Type of clothing	Outdoor Temperature Action Level
Nonbreathing clothing, including vapor barrier clothing or PPE such as chemical-resistant suits	52 °F
Double-layer woven clothing including coveralls, jackets, and sweatshirts	77 °F
All other clothing	89 °F

Washington's Clothing Factor Table

State Heat Plans OSHA Guidance

OSHA Guidance

- **Heat Index** combines both air temperature and relative humidity (moisture in air) into a single value.

Heat Index	Risk Level	Protective Measures
Less than 91°F	Lower (Caution)	Basic heat safety and planning
91°F to 103°F	Moderate	Implement precautions and heighten awareness
103°F to 115°F	High	Additional precautions to protect workers
Greater than 115°F	Very High to Extreme	Triggers even more aggressive protective measures

Heat Index Table (photo credit: OSHA)

Heat Index	Risk Level	Protective Measures
<91°F	Lower (Caution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide drinking water Ensure that adequate medical services are available Plan ahead for times when heat index is higher, including worker heat safety training Encourage workers to wear sunscreen Acclimatize workers <p>If workers must wear heavy protective clothing, perform strenuous activity or work in the direct sun, additional precautions are recommended to protect workers from heat-related illness.*</p>
91°F to 103°F	Moderate	<p>In addition to the steps listed above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind workers to drink water often (about 4 cups/hour)** Review heat-related illness topics with workers: how to recognize heat-related illness, how to prevent it, and what to do if someone gets sick Schedule frequent breaks in a cool, shaded area Acclimatize workers Set up buddy system/instruct supervisors to watch workers for signs of heat-related illness <p>If workers must wear heavy protective clothing, perform strenuous activity or work in the direct sun, additional precautions are recommended to protect workers from heat-related illness.*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule activities at a time when the heat index is lower Develop work/rest schedules Monitor workers closely
103°F to 115°F	High	<p>In addition to the steps listed above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alert workers of high risk conditions

<https://www.osha.gov/heat/heat-index/protective-measures>

Heat Stress Program

Arm Immersion
Cooling System

Technology

Cooling Equipment
and PPE

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construction **solutions** Construction hazards with suggested options for making work safer X

Find Solutions by Work: -OR- List Solutions By Topic:

Solution: Heat Stress Program

Description:

Working in high temperatures and high humidity for an extended period can result in heat-related illnesses. Implementing a comprehensive heat stress program can have a positive impact on safety and productivity. Ensuring adequate hydration, rest and cooling are part of a heat stress program and help to lower risks for heat stress and other heat-related issues.

A heat-related illness prevention program should include:

- 1) the individual who will be responsible for ensuring the program is in place (e.g., supervisor, foreman, safety coordinator, crew leader, etc.),
- 2) the heat-related hazards and workers at risk,
- 3) ways to protect workers and the resources required (e.g. water, access to a shaded area, etc.),
- 4) training for workers and supervisors on how to identify, prevent, and respond to heat-related illnesses, and
- 5) steps for aiding workers suffering from a heat-related illness including emergency preparations for possible heat stroke cases.

Specific actions:

- Check the extended weather forecast. Call or visit the National Weather Service at <http://www.weather.gov/> to plan for upcoming work and prior to the start of each workday to ensure that adequate plans are in place to protect workers. You can also receive weather alerts on your cell phone or computer through <http://weather.weatherbug.com/?stick=1> or the National Weather Service at http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/ln/WEA/wireless_emergency_alert.php.
- Conduct worker and supervisor training on how to prevent and identify heat-related illnesses, and provide regular reminders.
- If possible, schedule work activities during cooler times of the day and shade the work area.
- Acclimatize workers to working in a hot work environment. With no recent exposures to heat stress, acclimatization may require up to two weeks of gradually increasing heat stress exposure.
- Make sure all workers know where to go for water and shade. Locate water and shaded areas or air-conditioned areas for breaks as close as practical to where the work is being performed.
- Identify the quantity of drinking water and ice, and the number of disposable cups that will be needed for the shift. Remind workers to drink water and the amount they should drink – OSHA recommends drinking small amounts of water before workers become thirsty or "at least one pint of water per hour in moderately hot conditions... 6 ounces or a medium-sized glass-full every 15 minutes." Keep water containers in sanitary conditions.
- Increase the frequency of rest and water breaks to prevent dehydration and over-heating during heat waves

Availability

3M
To obtain information, visit QUESTemp 46 Heat Stress Monitor or contact 1-800-752-8472

Enviroguard Safetemp Sensor
To obtain information, visit Safetemp or contact 1-800-345-5972 orders@int-enviroguard.com

OSHA Heat Safety Tool Application
This app allows workers and supervisors to calculate the heat index for their worksite, and, based on the heat index, displays a risk level to outdoor workers. https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/heat_app.html

NIOSH Workplace Solutions Sheet
The National Institute of Safety and Health (NIOSH) has published a series of "Workplace Solutions", which are easy-to-understand recommendations from NIOSH research results. Related to this Construction Solution, please find more information on: Preventing Heat-related Illness or Death of Outdoor Workers and Criteria for a Recommended Standard Occupational Exposure to Heat and Hot Environments

State Plans
To obtain information, visit California §3395. Heat Illness Prevention in Outdoor Places of Employment and Minnesota 5205.0110 INDOOR VENTILATION AND TEMPERATURE IN PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT and Washington 5205.0110 INDOOR VENTILATION AND TEMPERATURE IN PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

OSHA
This guide offers recommended practices to protect against the spread of COVID-19 and the risk of heat-related illness. COVID-19 Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings while Working Outdoors in Hot and Humid Conditions

Related Safety Solutions

Administrative control

Some Key Points to Consider

- Identifying responsible individual for ensuring program is in place.
- Training for workers and supervisors on how to identify, prevent, and respond to heat-related illnesses
- Track the worksite heat conditions daily
- Evaluate work activities and implement plan when conditions trigger
- Steps for aiding workers suffering from a heat-related illness including emergency preparations for possible heat stroke cases



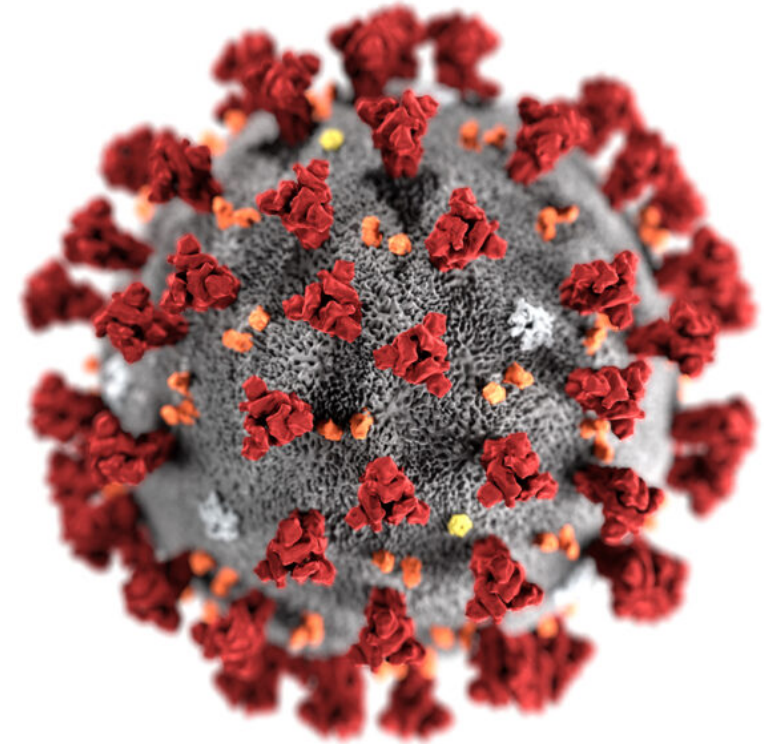
Worker hydrating under shade(photo credit: ELCOSH)



Area Heat Stress Monitor (photo credit: 3M Corporation)

COVID-19 Impact: Face Coverings in Hot Conditions

- Face coverings (FC) can be uncomfortable during strenuous construction activities
- Some recommended practices can include:
 - Acclimatize while wearing FC
 - Allow workers to remove cloth FC when safe
 - Evaluate face coverings for each worker and consider alternatives
 - Increase frequency of water and rest breaks
 - Use moisture-wicking, materials or light colors FC when working in direct sunlight



<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-cloth-coverings-outdoor-heat.pdf>

How it works

- Per manufacturer, most effective when users' forearms and hands are fully submerged in ice water.
- Lowers
 - Core temperature
 - Heart rate
 - Blood pressure

TEMPERATURE (°F)	IMMERSION TIME (MINUTES)
35° - 44°	2 - 5
45° - 54°	5 - 8
55° - 70°	8 - 12
71° - 80°	12 - 15
80° +	Add Ice



Immersion Cooling Equipment (ICE) (photo credit: First Line Technologies)

Efficacy and Potential Application

DeGroot DW, Gallimore RP, Thompson SM, Kenefick RW: Extremity cooling for heat stress mitigation in military and occupational settings. J Therm Biol 2013; 38(6): 305–10

DeGroot DW, Kenefick RW, Sawka, MN: Impact of Arm Immersion Cooling During Ranger Training on Exertional Heat Illness and Treatment Costs. Military Med 2015; 180: 1178-1183



Workers working in hot asphalt conditions (photo credit: ELCOSH)

Real-time Monitoring Through A Connected Jobsite Platform

- Spot-R is a mesh network system for monitoring worker location, equipment utilization and safety incidents
- Proprietary technology for better location accuracy
- Provides real-time data that can improve safety through preliminary risk identification.



Spot-R Mesh Network System (photo credit: Triax Technologies)

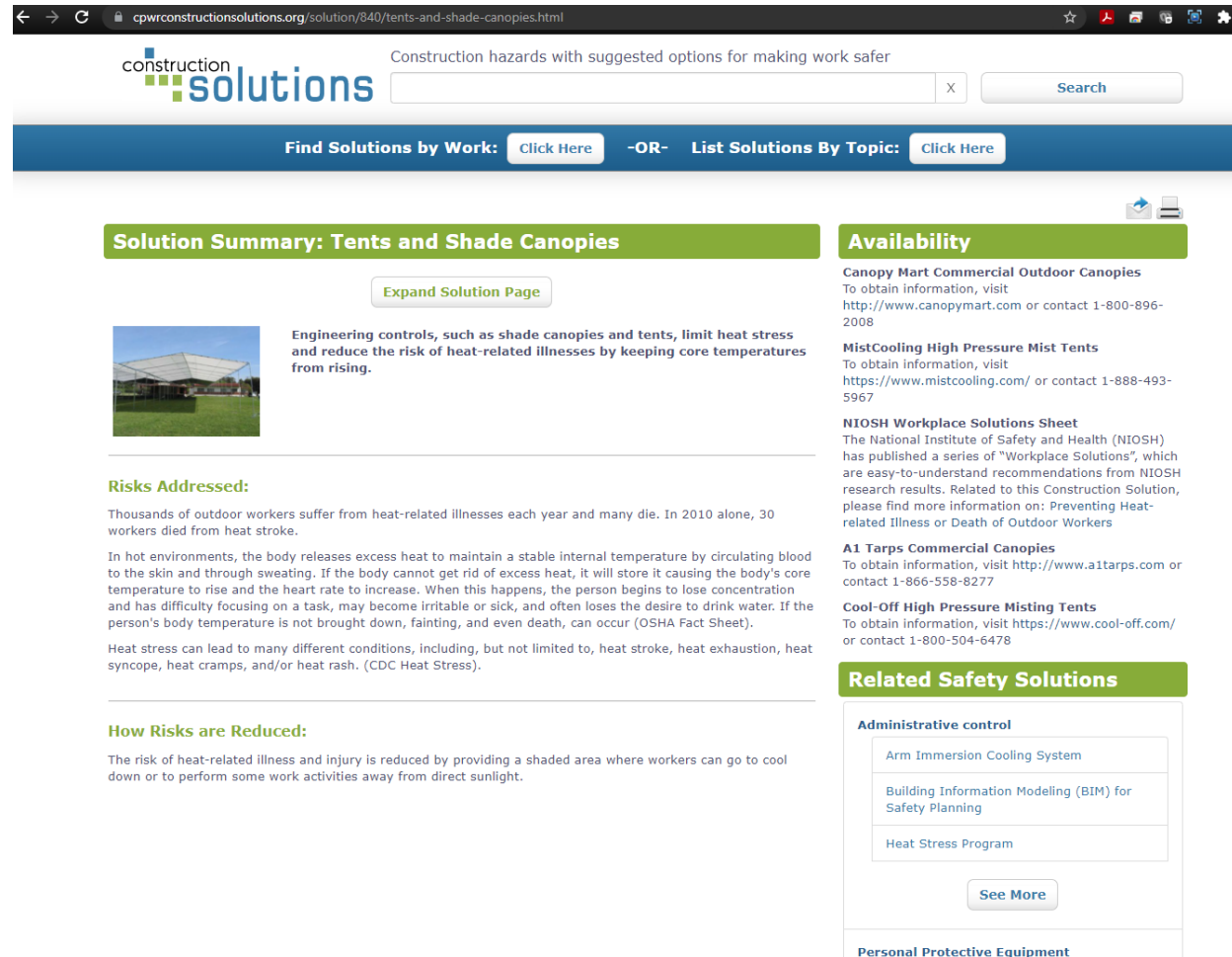
Safety Applications for Lone Workers

- **Lone workers** are those who work by themselves without close or direct supervision
- Risks for lone workers include
 - Lack of communication with supervisors and coworkers
 - Inadequate provision of first aid arising from emergency accidents
 - Sudden illness
 - Inadequate provision of rest, hygiene, and welfare facilities
- OSHA states that employers should check on lone workers “at regular intervals”
 - Safety applications can help with check-in procedures between lone workers and supervisors



(photo credit: ELCOSH)


Tents, Shades and Canopies



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.cpwrconstructionsolutions.org/solution/840/tents-and-shade-canopies.html>. The page features the CPWR Construction Solutions logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are two main sections: 'Solution Summary: Tents and Shade Canopies' and 'Availability'. The 'Solution Summary' section includes an image of a tent, a description of engineering controls, and sections for 'Risks Addressed' and 'How Risks are Reduced'. The 'Availability' section lists various products and services, including 'Canopy Mart Commercial Outdoor Canopies', 'MistCooling High Pressure Mist Tents', 'NIOSH Workplace Solutions Sheet', 'A1 Tarps Commercial Canopies', and 'Cool-Off High Pressure Misting Tents'. A 'Related Safety Solutions' sidebar on the right lists 'Administrative control' (Arm Immersion Cooling System, Building Information Modeling (BIM) for Safety Planning, Heat Stress Program) and 'Personal Protective Equipment'.

Solution Summary: Tents and Shade Canopies

[Expand Solution Page](#)



Engineering controls, such as shade canopies and tents, limit heat stress and reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses by keeping core temperatures from rising.

Risks Addressed:

Thousands of outdoor workers suffer from heat-related illnesses each year and many die. In 2010 alone, 30 workers died from heat stroke.

In hot environments, the body releases excess heat to maintain a stable internal temperature by circulating blood to the skin and through sweating. If the body cannot get rid of excess heat, it will store it causing the body's core temperature to rise and the heart rate to increase. When this happens, the person begins to lose concentration and has difficulty focusing on a task, may become irritable or sick, and often loses the desire to drink water. If the person's body temperature is not brought down, fainting, and even death, can occur (OSHA Fact Sheet).

Heat stress can lead to many different conditions, including, but not limited to, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat syncope, heat cramps, and/or heat rash. (CDC Heat Stress).

How Risks are Reduced:

The risk of heat-related illness and injury is reduced by providing a shaded area where workers can go to cool down or to perform some work activities away from direct sunlight.

Availability

Canopy Mart Commercial Outdoor Canopies
To obtain information, visit <http://www.canopymart.com> or contact 1-800-896-2008

MistCooling High Pressure Mist Tents
To obtain information, visit <https://www.mistcooling.com/> or contact 1-888-493-5967

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A1 Tarps Commercial Canopies
To obtain information, visit <http://www.a1tarps.com> or contact 1-866-558-8277

Cool-Off High Pressure Misting Tents
To obtain information, visit <https://www.cool-off.com/> or contact 1-800-504-6478

Related Safety Solutions

Administrative control

Arm Immersion Cooling System

Building Information Modeling (BIM) for Safety Planning

Heat Stress Program

[See More](#)

Personal Protective Equipment

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<https://www.cpwrconstructionsolutions.org/solution/823/cooling-clothing-and-personal-protective-equipment.html>

Fans, Misters and Air Conditioning Units



*Misting Fan (photo credit:
Big Fogg)*



*A portable AC unit (photo
credit: MovinCool)*

Cooling Clothing and PPE



Cooling Vest accommodating female anthropometry (photo credit: Glacier Tek)



Neck Tie and Neck Wrap (photo credit: Arctic Heat USA)



High Visibility Cooling Vest (photo credit: Glacier Tek)

CPWR Research to Practice (r2p) Resources on Working in Hot Weather

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CPWR Resources on Working in Hot Weather

- Key topics
 - Hot environments
 - Skin cancer
 - Lightning
 - Disaster preparedness
- Formats
 - Toolbox talks
 - Hazard alert cards
 - Infographics
 - Phone-based apps
 - Training materials
- Language access
 - English and Spanish

The screenshot shows the CPWR website interface. At the top, the CPWR logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'A-Z Index' and 'Lista de recursos en español' are on the right. Below the logo is a search bar. A horizontal menu contains 'RESEARCH', 'TRAINING', 'SERVICE', 'NEWS & EVENTS', and 'ABOUT CPWR'. The main header area features the text 'HANDOUTS, PLANNING TOOLS & TRAINING PROGRAMS' over a background image of construction workers. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Research > Research to Practice (r2p) > r2p Library > Handouts, Planning Tools & Training Programs > Working in Hot Weather'. The main content area is titled 'Working in Hot Weather' and contains a paragraph about heat-related risks for construction workers. Below the paragraph, it lists CPWR resources including 'Hot Weather' and 'Skin Cancer' toolbox talks and hazard alerts, all available in English and Spanish. It also mentions 'Lightning' resources and 'Heat Hazard & Solutions' and 'Protect Yourself Against Heat Exposure Infographics' from the OSHA-CPWR Alliance. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar titled '← RESEARCH' with a list of resource categories: 'Research Projects', 'Data Center', 'Research to Practice (r2p)', 'Training and Awareness Programs from Research', 'Management Resources from Research', and 'Hazard-Specific Resources & Training Tools', each with a plus icon to expand the list.

<https://www.cpwr.com/research/research-to-practice-r2p/r2p-library/other-resources-for-stakeholders/working-in-hot-weather/>

Toolbox Talks



Hot Environments

Exposure to extreme heat can result in illness and injury. Working in a hot environment can cause heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, or heat rash. In addition, heat increases the risk of injury for workers because of sweaty palms, fogged-up safety glasses, and dizziness. Burns also can occur when a worker comes in contact with a hot surface or steam.

Ben's Story

Ben had been outside for several hours in extremely hot temperatures laying brick. He began to feel nauseated, his head ached, and he was sweating heavily. His supervisor noticed Ben was working much slower than usual and asked him how he felt. When he heard the symptoms, he called 911, took Ben to the shade, gave him a cool drink, and wetted him with cool water and ice.

✖ **Have you or someone you know ever experienced a heat-related illness on the job? If so, what happened?**

✖ **What can you do to help avoid heat-related illnesses?**

Remember This


- Your employers should train you on heat hazards and their plan to prevent heat-related illnesses.


How can we stay safe today?
What will we do at the worksite to prevent heat-related illnesses?

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2. _____

OSHA Regulation: General Duty Clause Section 5(a)(1)

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Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. Each year thousands of people die from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Working outside for all or part of the day exposes construction workers to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun, even when it's cloudy outside. Exposure to UV radiation increases the risk for skin cancer.

Josh's Story

Josh is a painter and spends a lot of time working outdoors. Over the years, he has gotten many sunburns. One day, he notices a mole on his arm that is normally brown has turned black and red. He goes to a dermatologist to have it checked and is told that he has melanoma. Luckily, Josh caught it early enough to be treated.

✖ **Have you had sunburns from working outside?**

✖ **Do you know someone that developed skin cancer?**

✖ **What could Josh have done to protect himself from developing skin cancer?**


Remember This


- Use a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. A broad-spectrum sunscreen protects against UVA and UVB radiation.

How can we stay safe today?
What can we do today to protect our skin and reduce the risk for skin cancer?

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Lightning

Construction workers who work in open spaces, on roofs, or other high places are at the greatest risk of being struck by lightning. Workers struck by lightning can be killed or suffer burns, nervous system damage, and other health problems.

Tom's Story

Tom was repairing a roof on a three story structure. He could hear thunder but thought he would be able to complete the work before the storm hit. The storm was closer than Tom realized. Before he could get off the roof, he was hit by lightning and killed.

✖ **How could this fatality have been avoided?**

✖ **Have you or someone you know been struck by lightning while at work? What happened?**

Remember This

- Get into an enclosed building and do not use plug-in power tools or machines. If you can't find a building, get into a car or truck with the windows closed. Do not touch the doors or other metal inside. Remain inside for at least 30 minutes after hearing the last sound of thunder.

How can we stay safe today?
What will we do at the worksite to avoid being injured by lightning?

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OSHA Standard 1926.35

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Hazard Alert Cards

- Available for online download (PDF format) or print- to-order
- Printed cards are folded to be pocket-sized (3.5" by 5.5"). They are water-resistant and made to last
- Order cards here:
<https://www.cpwr.com/research/research-to-practice-r2p/r2p-library/hazard-alert-cards/>




CPWR Lighting Infographics


What should you do if you hear **THUNDER**?



Get into an enclosed building



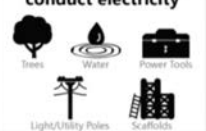
Do not stand out in the open




Learn More

- Regulations: OSHA 29 CFR 1926.35 <https://www.osha-slc.com/OSHA-1926.35>
- CPWR Toolbox Talk: Lightning Protection https://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/TT_Lightning.pdf
- CPWR Lightning Hazard Alert: https://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/Lightning_Hazard_Alert.pdf
- CPWR Construction Solutions: <http://www.cpwrconstructionolutions.org/search.php?q=lightning>

Avoid objects that conduct electricity




Squat down if you're in the open



Follow your employer's Emergency Action Plan

This includes written lightning safety procedures like identifying locations and requirements for safe shelter.

Prepare for injuries



Call 911. Perform CPR if victim has no pulse.

Use a portable defibrillator if there is one. Follow the instructions.


Your life is not a game. Take these precautions. They can save your life.

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¿Qué debe hacer si escucha **TRUENOS**?



Entre a un edificio cerrado




No se pare en espacios abiertos




Aprenda más

- Regulaciones: OSHA 29 CFR 1926.35 <https://www.osha-slc.com/OSHA-1926.35>
- Charla Informativa de CPWR: Relámpagos https://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/CI_TT_SP_Lightning.pdf
- Advertencia de Peligro de CPWR: Relámpagos https://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/Warning_Lightning_Hazard_Alert_Spanish.pdf
- Soluciones para la construcción de CPWR: <http://www.cpwrconstructionolutions.org/search.php?q=lightning>

Evite objetos que conducen electricidad




Póngase de cuclillas si está en el aire libre



Siga el Plan de Acción de Emergencia de su empleador

Esto incluye procedimientos escritos de seguridad contra relámpagos como identificar las ubicaciones y los requisitos para refugios seguros.

Prepárese para lesiones



Llame al 911.

Si la víctima no tiene pulso, realice RCP (resucitación cardiopulmonar).

Si hay un desfibrilador portátil, siga las instrucciones.

Su vida no es un juego. Tome estas precauciones. Estos pueden salvar su vida.

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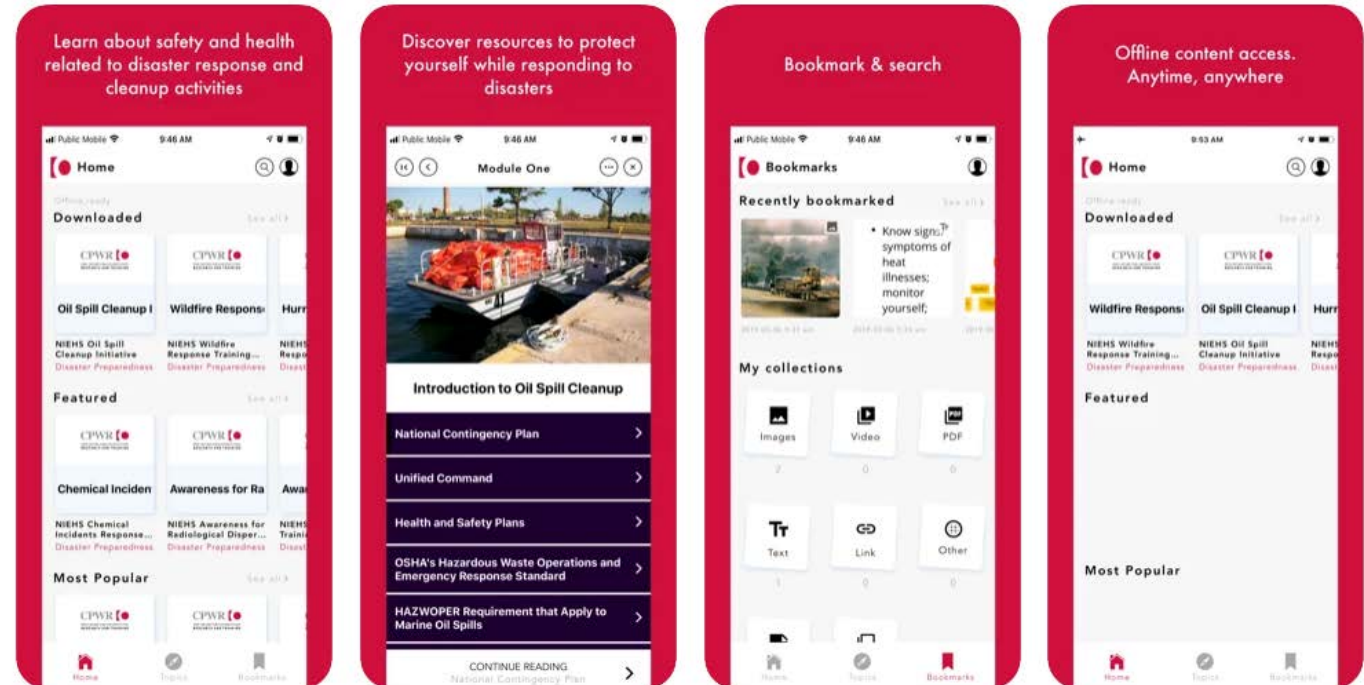
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CPWR-NIOSH-NORA Heat and Falls Infographic



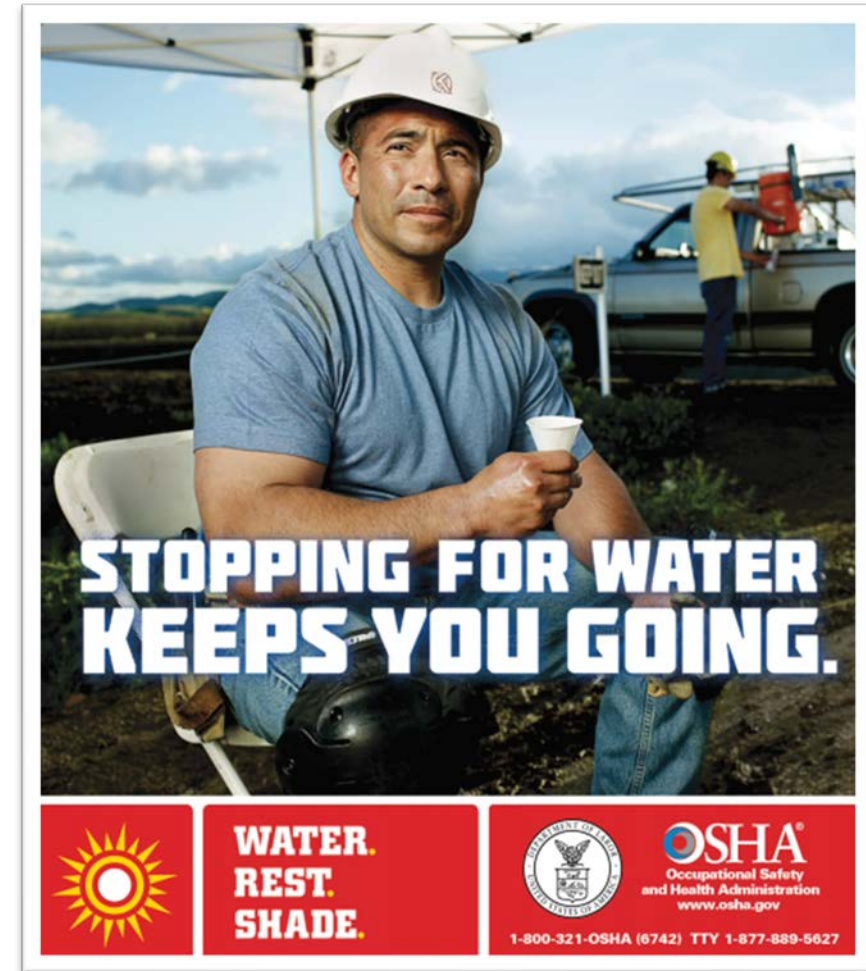
CPWR-NIEHS Disaster Preparedness App

- Phone-based, interactive mobile application that provides tailored awareness-level resources on disasters and related topics
- Available for iOS and Android
- Download here:
<https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/index.cfm?id=2536>



OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention Campaign

- Goal is to educate employers and workers on the dangers of working in the heat
- Launched in 2011
- Provides training guides, outreach, informational sessions, publications, social media campaigns, media appearances
- Learn more and access resources:
<https://www.osha.gov/heat>



OSHA-CPWR Alliance Heat Exposure Infographics

Protect Yourself Against Heat Exposure.

You are at risk if you:

- Are new to the job
- Work in hot and humid conditions
- Do heavy physical labor
- Don't drink enough water

Tip 1: Know the Warning Signs

Heat Exhaustion:

- Weakness & Wet Skin
- Headache, Dizziness or Fainting

Heat Stroke:

- Excessive sweating or red, hot, dry skin
- Confusion or Fainting

Learn more about heat-related illnesses and how to prevent them at <http://bit.ly/CPWRHotWeather>

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Tip 2: Drink Water & Take Breaks

- Take frequent breaks out of the sun.
- Drink 1 cup (8 ounces) of water every 15-20 minutes.
- DO NOT** wait until you are thirsty to drink water.
- DO NOT** drink alcohol and **AVOID** caffeine.

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Tip 3: Seek Medical Assistance

Heat Stroke is a medical emergency

Look out for your co-workers—if you see the warning signs take action!

Call 911

Getting help can be the difference between **life** and **death**.

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