

Contractors: Help Researchers Find Ways to Keep Your Workers Safe in Hot Weather

CPWR—The Center for Construction Research and Training is conducting a research study to understand and improve heat safety to better protect construction workers.

Project Goal: Develop and share strategies to prevent heat-related illnesses and save lives.

Research Questions

1. What are the impacts of extreme heat?
2. How is extreme heat managed at the job site?
3. What is working well to manage the effects of heat on workers and what areas remain challenging?
4. What are the opportunities for improvement?

Who Can Participate?

We are looking for construction firms, preferably with active worksites in Maryland or the Washington DC metro area, to participate in the study.



Study Process and Expectations¹

Researchers will visit the site on two to three days during the summer of 2025 to collect information about the implementation and impact of heat illness prevention plans. This will include:

- A kickoff meeting to introduce the study and outline the process
- A walk-through of the site to observe heat illness prevention practices
- Management interviews to learn about supervisors' experiences, challenges, and needs with heat safety
- Brief worker surveys to gather their insights and experiences
- Wrap up meeting to report findings and answer questions

Ethical Considerations

Your company name will not be used without permission. Participation is voluntary and confidential. Participants may choose to withdraw from the study at any time.

¹Details related to scheduling, walk-throughs, safety procedures, etc. will be discussed prior to enrollment.

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