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Did You Know...

It is important to educate employees who work outdoors on the dangers of heat-induced illnesses?

Employer Risks and Exposures

The hot and humid weather this summer has been difficult for everyone to deal with, especially those employees who work outdoors. Failure to take the necessary precautions during the hot summer months can result in sun burns, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Other dangers from working outdoors can include lime disease, bee stings, and West Nile virus. When employees suffer from injuries and illnesses such as these, it can be costly to employers due to lower productivity, lost work time, and workers' compensation costs.

Avoiding Disaster

Educate employees about the hazards of working outdoors during the summer months. Provide tips on preventing injuries and illnesses and the warning signs of heat-induced illnesses. The following links to OSHA handouts are excellent resources that can be distributed to employees:

http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_General_Facts/working-outdoors-factsheet.pdf

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3154.pdf>

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3166.pdf>

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