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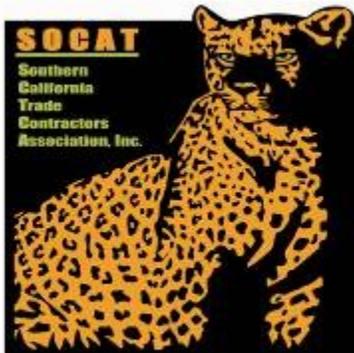
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**Heat Illness and OSHA
Enforcement on Residential Fall
Protection**

SUPERVISORY TRAINING



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Good News! The Farmers Insurance safety website www.mysafetypoint.com has been revamped and is easier to use than ever. If you haven't registered, you'll just need your Farmers commercial policy number. There are over 200 streaming videos, plus hundreds of searchable topics and links.

California employers are required to take these four steps to prevent heat illness

1. Training

Train all employees and supervisors about heat illness prevention.

2. Water

Provide enough fresh water so that each employee can drink at least one court per hour, *and encourage them to do so.*

3. Shade

Provide access to shade and encourage employees to take a cool-down rest in the shade for at least five minutes. *They should not wait until they feel sick to cool down.*

- Shade must be present when temperatures reach or exceed 85 degrees. When temperatures are below 85 degrees, employers shall provide timely access to shade upon an employee's request.
- Shade must be located as close as practicable to the areas where employees are working.
- Allow for all industries excluding agriculture to implement alternative procedures for providing access to shade in instances where the employer can demonstrate that it is infeasible or unsafe to have a shade

structure, or otherwise to have shade present on a continuous basis. The alternative procedures/cooling methods must provide equivalent protection as shade and can include methods such as misting machines.

4. Planning

Develop and implement written procedures for complying with the Cal/OSHA heat illness prevention standard.

California High-Heat Rules

- High-heat procedures are now required for five industries (including Construction) when temperatures reach 95 degrees or above. These procedures include observing employees, closely supervising new employees and reminding all workers to drink water.

Print ads for Fed OSHA's heat-related illness campaign available for downloading



Print ads for OSHA's heat illness campaign are now available, in color and black & white, from its [Media Resources page](#). OSHA initiated this national outreach campaign to educate workers and their employers about the hazards of working outdoors in the heat. OSHA is leveraging relationships with other state and local partners, employers, trade organizations, unions, community groups, educational institutions and healthcare professionals to disseminate training materials across the country with a very simple message: "water, rest and shade."
OSHA's new [Heat Illness Campaign Web page](#) provides [educational materials](#) in English and Spanish, as well as a curriculum to be used for [workplace training](#). Multiple copies of publications can be ordered from OSHA's [Web site](#). OSHA is also partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA) on weather service alerts to incorporate worker safety precautions when heat alerts are issued across the United States. NOAA is also including pertinent worker safety information on its [Heat Watch Web page](#).

OSHA announces three-month enforcement phase-in for residential construction fall protection

OSHA announced June 9 a three-month enforcement phase-in period to allow residential construction employers to come into compliance with the agency's new [directive](#) to provide residential construction workers with fall protection. During the phase-in period June 16-September 15, if an employer is in full compliance with the old directive (STD 03-00-001), OSHA will not issue citations, but will instead issue a hazard alert letter informing the employer of the feasible methods that can be used to comply with OSHA's fall protection standard or implement a written fall protection plan. If the employer's practices do not meet the requirements set in the old directive, OSHA will issue appropriate citations. If an employer fails to implement the fall protection measures outlined in a hazard alert letter, and OSHA finds violations involving the same hazards during a subsequent inspection of one of the employer's workplaces, the Area Office will issue appropriate citations.

OSHA's [Residential Fall Protection Web page](#) has many guidance products, including a [fall protection slide show](#)*, to help employers comply with the new directive. Employers are also encouraged to take full advantage of OSHA's [On-site Consultation Program](#), which provides free compliance assistance services, or contact their local [OSHA Area Office](#) to speak with a Compliance Assistance Specialist. See the [news release](#) for more information.