



Heat Illness Prevention

When Is Shade Needed?

The California Division Of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH) Has Set A Trigger For The Mandatory Shade Erection At 85° F; Based On The Prior Day's 5 Pm National Weather Service Forecast For The Work Area.

The Shade Must Be:

- Erected At The Beginning of The Work Shift
- Remain Present Throughout The Shift
- Adequate Space For 25% of The Workforce
 - Employees Must Be Able To Sit Comfortably
 - Fully Shaded Without Touching Each Other
- The Distance From The Work Area Within A 2 ½ Minute Walk
 - Cal OSHA Will Evaluate on A Case by Case Basis
- Erected When The Temperature Is 90°F or Greater
 - Even If The Prior Day Forecast Was Below 85°F

In 2008 DOSH Proposed Almost \$1.7 Million In Penalties Related To The Heat Illness Prevent Standard, Almost Double The Penalties Proposed In 2007.

Cal OSHA Recently Published **Heat Illness Prevention Emergency Regulation Enforcement Questions and Answers** Covering The Heat Illness Prevent Program – To Review Click [Here](#)

A Sample Heat Illness Prevention Program is Available on CompWeb Click [Here](#)

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