



ILA-UMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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On The Job Heat-Related Stress & Illness



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The Summer season starts next month, making this the right time to raise a little awareness about the dangers presented by occupational exposure to excessive levels of heat and humidity.

While we, as an industry, have made significant progress in providing increasing numbers of mobile and stationary cargo handling equipment fitted out with air conditioning, we've still got some room for improvement. The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) firmly believes that when workers are provided with a comfortable work environment their contribution becomes more productive, more efficient and a good deal safer. That's a "win-win" in anybody's book!

Notwithstanding the issue of A/C, the JSC respectfully asks our labor and management constituents to be considerate of on-the-job heat-related hazards, and to keep in mind that OSHA has very recently accorded increased priority and focus upon that subject.

Workplace heat-related guidance from OSHA: <https://www.osha.gov/heat>

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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