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Fairs Year-round Information

Adoption of the Cal/OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Standard Expected Soon

Tom Allen, CFSA's safety manager, reports that Cal/OSHA's new Heat Illness Prevention Standard is expected to be adopted this month. Many of the Standard's requirements will sound familiar and many may already be implemented at your fair as the Standard has actually been in place as an emergency regulation since last summer.

If you'd like help with your fair's heat-related safety program, CFSA's safety specialists are at your service with everything from supervisor training tips to a detailed overview of the proposed Standard and current regulations. Give Tom a call at 916/263-6186.

"This new Standard is important to the fair industry," Tom notes, "because it's aimed directly at people who may be exposed to the risk of heat illness while working outdoors." At a fair this could include groundskeepers, ticket takers, parking and gate attendants, security staff, maintenance workers, livestock superintendents, even volunteers staffing information booths.

Head-start program: If you'd like to get a jump on the Standard's requirements, Tom has provided the following information about the requirements as they relate to your fair's responsibilities.

Good to know — Heat illness contributors:

- Air temperature and relative humidity
- Radiant heat from the sun (direct sunlight)
- Conductive heat sources (heat from the ground)
- Air movement (or lack of)
- The severity of the workload and duration
- Personal Protective Equipment and clothing worn
- Personal risk factors, such as:
 - age
 - degree of acclimation to heat
 - health
 - water, alcohol and caffeine consumption
 - The use of prescription medications that affect the body's water retention or result in negative physical responses to heat

Protecting employees from heat-related illnesses

All employees under your fair's supervision (including full- and part-time, intermittent, temporary, volunteers, and work release labor from the city or county) assigned to work outdoors in the heat must have:

1) Employee training in the following topics provided to all supervisory and non-supervisory employees:

- Environmental and personal risk factors for heat illness

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Maintenance Mania Web Site is Up and Running

Keep up-to-date on Maintenance Mania 2007 topics at www.maintenancemania.com Maintenance Mania 2007 is set for Kern County Fair, February 2 - 4, and Shasta District Fair, March 13 - 15.

Negotiating Contracts? CFSA Will Do a Second Review at No Charge!

Lianne Lewellen, CFSA's risk analyst, reminds all fairs to send her copies of your fair contracts for insurance certificate review. Questions? Call her at 916/263-6145.

WFA Will "Ride the Tide" into Del Mar on June 22

Join WFA staff and members of the San Diego County Fair, on Thursday, June 22, for the 2006 WFA Day at Del Mar. You could win a 2007 WFA Convention Suite Upgrade!* Or while you're there, win a WFA hat simply by referring a new member.

The day's highlights include an evening of meeting-and-greeting industry members at WFA's Open House Reception, complete with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

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Register Now for the 2006 WFA Feature Fair Tour at the 150th Indiana State Fair

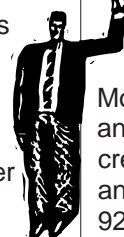
Western Fairs Association invites you to join the 2006 Feature Fair Tour to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Indiana State Fair, on Friday, August 11. All WFA members are invited to take part in this behind-the-scenes, action-packed look at the Indiana State Fair as it celebrates its sesquicentennial in true mid-western style.

Highlights include Meet the Staff, 150th State Fair Stories, World's Largest Drive-Thru Breakfast, Living History Farm Demos, 4-H interactive learning in one of America's largest 4-H states, and loads of great ideas to steal. You can also purchase tickets for the Rascal Flatts concert on Friday night.

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July Fourth Office Hours

CARF, CCA, WFA and the Division of Fairs and Expositions will be closed Tuesday, July 4. CFSA will be closed Monday - Tuesday, July 3 and July 4, with a holiday crew on-call for questions and emergencies at 916/921-2213.



"Many people would be more truthful were it not for their uncontrollable desire to talk."

~ Edgar Watson Howe

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"There are only two ways of telling the complete truth - anonymously and posthumously."

~Thomas Sowell

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Cal/OSHA Heat Illness Prevention, continued

- Employer's procedures for identifying, evaluating and controlling exposures to environmental and personal risk factors for heat illness
- The importance of frequent consumption of small quantities of water
- The importance of acclimatization
- The different types of heat illness and the common signs and symptoms of heat illness
- The importance of immediately reporting to the employer, directly or through the employee's supervisor, any symptoms or signs of heat illness in themselves or in co-workers
- The employer's procedures for responding to symptoms of possible heat illness, including how emergency medical services will be provided should they become necessary
- Procedures for contacting emergency medical services and, if necessary, for transporting employees to a point where they can be reached by the medical provider
- How to provide clear and precise directions to the work site for emergency responders

2) Supervisor training *Prior to their assignment, supervisors with employees working in the heat must be trained on:*

- All information required under 1) Employee Training
- The procedure(s) supervisors are to follow to implement the applicable provisions in this section
- The procedure(s) supervisors are to follow when an employee exhibits symptoms consistent with possible heat illness, including emergency response procedures

3) Provision of water

Employers are to provide employees with continuous access to cool drinking water and to explain to workers why they should drink it.

4) Access to shade

Employees working outdoors must have access (*for a period of no less than five minutes*) to a shaded area where they can get out of direct sunlight when a recovery period or preventative recovery period is needed.

Know your employees' limitations

When assigning employees to work outdoors in the heat, it's important for supervisors to know each employee's health limitations. Employers must also provide each employee with adequate time to adapt or to become acclimatized to working in the heat. For most people, acclimatization peaks within four to 14 days of regularly working in the heat for at least two hours per day.

Tom emphasizes that it's extremely important to consider an employee's personal risk factors when assigning or hiring for positions requiring outdoor work where heat is a factor.

If you have any questions about what you've read here or about your fair's heat-related safety program, contact Tom Allen at 916/263-6186.



Day at Del Mar, continued

WFA Day Schedule

WFA Office Hours

9:00 am- 3:00 pm, Suite E (5th Floor of the Grandstand)

A WFA representative will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about WFA membership.

Service Member Meeting

3:30 pm, Native Diver Skybox (6th Floor of the Grandstand)

All industry members are welcome. Join WFA's fair-related business members as they discuss the latest industry issues and program topic ideas for WFA's upcoming 2007 Convention.

WFA Open House Reception

5:00- 7:00 pm, Equus Skybox (6th Floor of Grandstand)

WFA invites all industry members to come mingle with industry colleagues and enjoy a bite to eat. And don't miss the drawing for the Suite Upgrade Giveaway!*

Want to know more about the San Diego County Fair? Visit www.sdfair.com/fair

*Suite Upgrade Giveaway winner must be registered as a delegate of the 2007 WFA Convention, pay for a standard room at the Reno Hilton and be present during the drawing to qualify. Upgrade is non-transferrable.

WFA Fair Tour, continued

There's more! Included in your tour is a special trip to the Ohio State Fair, Saturday, August 12. Space is limited for this special excursion, so you must indicate your desire to continue on to Ohio on your registration form.

Participation will be on a first come, first served basis.

For details and to register for the tour to the Indiana and Ohio state fairs, please visit www.WesternFairs.org or call WFA at 916/927-3100.

Come join the fun. It starts with *Celebrating a Blue Ribbon Tradition of 150 Years* at the Indiana State Fair with WFA and friends!