

LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

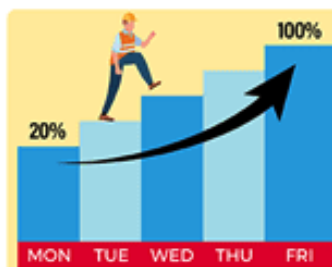
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EVERY YEAR WE SEE MANY HEAT RELATED CLAIMS FOR WORKERS THAT ARE ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE. MANY OF THEM ARE MINOR, BUT OUR OFFICE HAS HANDLED A RECENT CLAIM IN NEW JERSEY INVOLVING FATAL INJURIES TO A PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE FROM THE HEAT. IT CAN HAPPEN. A TOLERANCE TO THE HEAT CAN BE BUILT, SEE OSHA DOCUMENT BELOW. ALSO PLEASE SEE THE LINK BELOW TO EXCELLENT INFORMATION ON THE MEL'S SAFETY INSTITUTE WEBSITE ABOUT SAFETY FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES DURING THE HEAT OF SUMMER. [HTTPS://NJMEL.ORG/MEL-SAFETY-INSTITUTE/BULLETINS/SUMMER-HEAT-SAFETY/](https://njmel.org/mel-safety-institute/bulletins/summer-heat-safety/)



Prevent Heat Illness at Work



Ease into Work. Nearly 3 out of 4 fatalities from heat illness happen during the first week of work.

Build a tolerance to heat by increasing intensity by 20% each day.



Drink cool water even if you are not thirsty



Rest for long enough to recover from the heat



Take breaks in a shady or cool area



Wear a hat and dress for the heat



Watch out for each other



Verbally check on workers wearing face coverings