

**Hello CAHNRS,**

The sun is finally out and temperatures are rising. For those of you that work and/or supervise employees that work outdoors, the **Outdoor Heat Exposure Rule**, WAC 296-62-095 (and WAC 296-307-097 for agriculture), applies from May 1 through Sept. 30 every year.

Supervisors must ensure that employees have access to cool, potable drinking water, have first aid trained staff and/or appropriate access to medical assistance, and must train employees on hazards identified for their respective workplaces. To aid in this effort, the WSU Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) office and I have collaborated to develop an online Heat Stress Prevention training for supervisors and employees working outdoors.

**Take the Heat Stress Prevention Training Here (13 minutes)**

[https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cTvHWN4W0IMcfj](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cTvHWN4W0IMcfj)

As with any safety training at WSU, documentation must be kept. To assist with documentation, the above training module contains a brief quiz and documentation mechanism after the training. Please contact [cahnrs.safety@wsu.edu](mailto:cahnrs.safety@wsu.edu) with questions.

### **MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**

“Electrical Safety Awareness for Non-Electrical Workers”, an online safety video (9 minutes) does a good job of describing how to remain safe when you may be exposed to electricity in your work environment. As always, supervisors are responsible for performing a workplace hazard assessment and providing training for employees to mitigate safety risks. Here is a link to the video, the WSU Workplace Self Inspection Checklist, and the Safety Policies and Procedures Manual (SPPM) reference for electrical safety. Contact EHS with any questions about electrical safety and additional training.

- **Electrical Safety Awareness for Non-Electrical Workers video**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggJo6m8NZtA>
- **WSU Workplace Self Inspection Checklist**  
<https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/index/manuals/2-00-contents/2-50-self-inspection/>
- **WSU SPPM, Electrical Safety**  
<https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/index/manuals/2-00-contents/2-72-electrical-safety/>

### **QUICK REMINDERS**

- **Be Responsible** -- Provide initial training and reinforcement of heat stress prevention and electrical safety. Take training when it is offered/required of you. Wear appropriate protective gear and/or clothing every time.
- **Be aware** -- Familiarize yourself – perform a self-inspection/hazard assessment of your working environment and ensure employees receive proper training. Read and heed labels, cautions, hazard signs and symbols.
- **If injured** -- promptly complete an [incident report](#) and let your [immediate supervisors](#) know for [investigation](#).
- **Report** -- related hazards to WSU Environmental Health and Safety at (509) 335-3041.

**Be safe out there, CAHNRS!**