

WORKSAFELY MHCA

SAFETY TALK

Avoiding dehydration

Sun and wind make for hot and dry conditions that can sap workers of fluids.

What's the danger?

Dehydration - occurs when you lose more fluid than you take in. Dehydration can lead to heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Symptoms include:

- Thirst
- Fatigue
- Muscle cramps
- Nausea, dizziness or confusion
- Excessive perspiration
- Hot, dry skin

Protect yourself

- Have water easily available
- Drink regularly even when you are not thirsty
- Reduce caffeine intake
- Stay out of direct sunlight when possible
- Take regular breaks
- Watch for symptoms in yourself and co-workers
- Stay up to date on day-time temperatures

Dehydration is easily prevented.

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