

WEEKLY SAFETY TOPICS STEAM TUNNEL SAFETY HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION

HEAT STRESS PREVENTION

The tunnel system is always quite warm. Follow the recommendations below to minimize your risk of heat illness.

- 1. Always carry water with you when working in the tunnels. Bring 32 ounces for each planned hour of work.
- 2. Drink 8 ounces of water every 15 minutes.
- 3. Drink water before, during, and after your work shift, even if not thirsty.
- 4. When possible and safe use a water mist sprayer on exposed skin to allow for evaporative cooling.
- 5.Use a cooling vest.
- 6.Use a cooling towel.
- 7. Have a small cooler with ice and towels to wipe your face and neck with cool water.
- 8.Use a misting or evaporative cooling fan to cool the work area.
- 9. Take breaks often and move to a cool shady place.
- 10.Work earlier in the day.



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If you or a co-worker exhibits signs of heat illness including:

- Heavy sweating
- Painful muscle cramps
- Extreme weakness and/or fatigue
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Dizziness and/or headache
- Body temperature normal or slightly high
- Fainting
- Pulse fast and weak
- Breathing fast and shallow
- Clammy, pale, cool, and/or moist skin
- Mental confusion, delirium,
- Hot and dry skin
- Muscles may twitch uncontrollably

<u>Do not hesitate to assist them and call 911</u> <u>Assist by:</u>

- 1. If they are able to walk get them to a cooler shady location and elevate their feet.
- 2. Remove extra clothing , shoes, and socks.
- 3.Wet clothing and skin with cool water and ice if available.
- 4. Turn a fan onto the victim if available.
- 5. Give water, if victim is able to drink and not experiencing nausea.



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