

New Outreach Trainer Portal Now Available

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TEEX, in collaboration with the American Safety Council (ASC), implemented a new OSHA Outreach Trainer Portal that will save you time and money. All of the required information to report an OSHA Outreach Class conducted, is available by simply logging into the portal. What are the advantages?

1. FASTER PROCESSING: Once a class is completely and accurately entered, to include payment information, the class will be processed and cards mailed. No mail delay or additional expense in getting your paperwork to us for processing.

2. REDUCED OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES: Electronic entry of classes means no cost on your part to mail or FAX completed paperwork.

3. PRE-PRINTED CARDS: Cards will be returned pre-printed with your name, the students' names, and the class date. This eliminates the problem of feeding card stock into a printer or typewriter. All you'll need to do is distribute the cards to your students.

4. RECORD KEEPING & TRACKING: The Outreach Trainer Portal now provides you with 24-hour access to all classes that you have conducted, the ability to check on the status of a class submitted for processing and track upcoming scheduled classes

5. SCHEDULE OF PENDING CLASSES: As mentioned above, if you so desire, the portal can become your schedule of upcoming classes. Simply pre-enter the basic class information.

In summary, at no additional cost, the Outreach Trainer Portal provides you:

- Faster card processing
- Reduced out-of-pocket expenses
- Pre-printed cards
- Record keeping and tracking of classes
- Calendar

Many of you already have a portal login assigned, we've pre-enrolled our more active trainers. To determine if you have been pre-enrolled, follow this link:

<http://home.uceusa.com/Affiliates>



At the home screen, log in using your name as your User Name, using this format "firstname.lastname". Your password is your OSHA Trainer ID number. If you are not recognized, please send an email request to

OTISEC@teexmail.tamu.edu

and include your name and OSHA Trainer ID and I will forward internet log-in information.

For information on how to use the Outreach Training Portal, follow this link: <http://teexsafety.org/oshaoutreach>

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Alotto at the TEEX OSHA Training Institute Southwest Education Center (OTISEC) at 800-SAFE-811 (800-723-3811).

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OSHA launches 2012 Heat Campaign

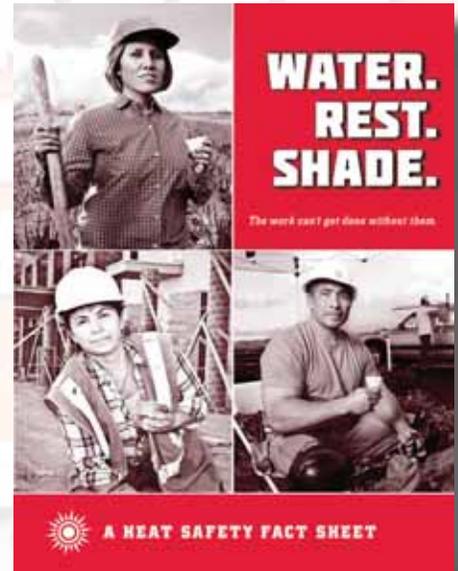
Once again this year, OSHA is placing special emphasis on employee safety and awareness related to preventing heat related illness in outdoor workers. While OSHA emphasizes “outdoor workers” much of the same information is also applicable to workers in any excessive heat related occupation. For you the trainer, this information is timely and OSHA is providing several resources to assist you in communicating it during your outreach training. The following is an article prepared by OSHA that describes the program and provides direct links for training materials, smartphone apps, posters, and Quick Cards. Many of these are available in both English and Spanish-language versions.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is launching the nationwide 2012 Heat campaign. Heat Illness continues to be an occupational concern for outdoor workers – those in agriculture, building and road construction, transportation, landscaping and tree trimming, electrical and other utilities, oil and gas operations, maritime and other terminals, and other work sites involving outdoor work. In 2010 alone 40 workers died and over 4100 workers were injured due to heat exposure (BLS, preliminary data). OSHA is rolling out the second year of the Heat Campaign in early May.

The 2011 Heat Campaign was successful due to the tremendous effort at the local level – outreach by individual OSHA offices and staff and in partnership with you - our Alliances and stakeholders. We look forward to working with you again in 2012 to publicize the OSHA Heat Campaign [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html>] webpage and new resources [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/edresources.html>] – especially those for non-English and limited language skilled workers. We received excellent feedback and suggestions on improvements to last year’s outreach

material and the 2012 Heat Campaign makes a variety of training materials available in both English and Spanish. All the material can be found on the Heat Campaign Website: [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html>].

- The **OSHA Heat Smartphone Application** [http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/heat_app.html] for Android and iPhone (released in August 2011, allows user to get or calculate the Heat Index for their location and provides reminders—with limited text and icons—about what to do to prevent heat illness)
- **Using the Heat Index: A Guide for Employers** [http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/index.html] (released in July 2011, provides information on using the Heat Index to trigger specific heat-illness prevention actions at a worksite with planning checklists and detailed information on work/rest schedules, acclimatization, training, and emergency planning)
- **OSHA Heat Prevention TRAINING GUIDE** [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/edresources.html>] for employers to carry out tailgate training for agriculture or construction workers



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It is the policy of the Texas Engineering Extension Service that all federal statutes will be followed pertaining to employment and recruitment of students without regard to

- **Illustrated, Low-literacy Fact Sheets** [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/edresources.html>] in English and Spanish for workers
- **Laminated Worksites Poster** [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/edresources.html>] in English and Spanish for employers and workers that illustrate key information about heat illness and promote heat safety
- **Community Posters** [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/edresources.html>] that promote heat safety
- **Heat Illness Quick Cards** [<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osa3154.pdf>] —for supervisors
- **Cal/OSHA DVD: Water, Rest, Shade: The Work Can't Get Done Without Them**

To order quantities of materials, please contact **Frank Meilinger** at 202-693-1999 or Meilinger.Francis2@dol.gov.

OSHA will continue its work with you to reach workers and employers across the country. OSHA's field-based compliance assistance staff (interactive directory of Compliance Assistance Specialists located at: [http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/compliance_assistance/cas_directory_auto.html]) can work directly with you and your members or constituents. OSHA will also work through its state-plan partners and its consultation services [<http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/small-business/consult.html>] (free services for small businesses). Some of the elements included in the campaign include:

- **OSHA Public Website on the Heat Illness Prevention Campaign** [http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/index.html]
- **Public Service Announcements and Press Releases** in trade journals, national, regional and local media outlets;
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** weather service alerts – these will continue to include worker safety precautions when heat alerts are issued across the country.
- **Drop-In Articles** [<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/mediareources.html>] to be customized with stakeholder logo and a National Press release to be redistributed and reposted via your websites and social media networks. (Twitter, Facebook, Linked-In...)
- **Electronic Billboards** (traditional and digital) will be posted in select areas of the country and act as Public Service Announcements prior to and during "Heat Events."
- **Increased Use of Outlets** like Twitter, FaceBook, and other social media platforms.

humidity can be an issue, but, even in our own home life, we may overlook the simple steps needed to prevent heat exhaustion and heat stroke: Water. Rest. Shade.

So, we want to thank you for your efforts in 2011 and look forward to working with you again in 2012. We want to thank California OSHA for developing the campaign and materials in California and working with Federal OSHA as we took the campaign national. We hope you will continue to work with us and with your constituencies to make "Water. Rest. Shade." as popular as "Got Milk" and to get the OSHA materials into the hands of the employers and workers that need them. For more information, please **contact Frank Meilinger at 202-693-1999 or Meilinger.Francis2@dol.gov**.

Health effects of heat
Two types of heat illness:

Heat Exhaustion (Illustration: Worker sitting on a bench, looking unwell, with icons of sweating, dizziness, and nausea.)

Heat Stroke (Illustration: Worker on the ground, unconscious, with icons of a high temperature, confusion, and loss of consciousness.)

1 Watch out for early symptoms. You may need medical help. People react differently — you may have just a few of these symptoms, or most of them.

Stay safe and healthy!
WATER. REST. SHADE. The work can't get done without them.

2 "Easy does it" on your first days of work in the heat. You need to get used to it. Rest in the shade — at least 5 minutes as needed to cool down.

Drink water even if you aren't thirsty — every 15 minutes. (Illustration: Water bottle and glass with a clock icon.)

Rest in the shade. (Illustration: Worker under a shade structure.)

Watch out for each other. (Illustration: Two workers, one helping the other.)

Wear hats and light-colored clothing. (Illustration: Worker in a hat and light shirt.)

Almost everyone recognizes that outdoor temperatures and

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When asked what his favorite thing is about being an instructor, Jorge replied, "I'm able to invest in somebody else and impart what I've learned during my lifetime. I've already done the 'bleeding' for them. I try to keep them from bleeding so they can protect themselves and others."



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