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NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WHAT'S COMING UP...

NFCA's Webinar Series

NFCA's webinars are well attended, with great technical content benefiting NFCA Member Contractors, Manufacturers, Associates. June 14 is a great program on Fireproofing Surface Preparation, from leading fireproofing manufacturers. [Register now!](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

NFCA Committees met at NFCA's Week of Learning, and the Program Committee already has a follow up call scheduled. Look for emails from committee chairs during the summer to keep the [committee](#) work moving. A lot has been accomplished at NFCA, and we have a lot more to do!

UPDATES:

NFCA is submitting public comments to the International Building Code Cycle B

Committee Action Hearing proposals. We have a great team assembled, which helps make a challenge easier. NFCA presented a full code update at NFCA's Week of Learning. We'll present on code changes sometime this fall after the Public Comment Hearings. Check out the NFCA Code Update presentation from early May in the [NFCA Members Only section](#). Not a member? [Join NFCA](#).

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SAFETY SECTION:

It's always time for Heat Safety – We often think of hydration levels, heat exhaustion when it comes to summer months in the upper North American Continent. But, don't forget, that the sun's rays can do damage too. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention provides a ["Don't Fry Day Toolkit"](#) FREE.

The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states that nearly 2 out of 4 fatalities from heat illness happen during the first week of work exposure to heat. The agency states to work up to full intensity when weather changes to hot conditions. OSHA recently published a [short checklist](#) for how to protect yourself from heat related injuries, and some first aid tips too. What are signs of a medical emergency?



- Abnormal thinking or behavior
- Slurred speech
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness
- Headache or nausea
- Weakness, dizziness
- Heavy sweating, or hot, dry skin
- Elevated body temperature
- Thirst
- Decreased urine output

What should you do if those conditions exist? Call 911 immediately. Cool the worker right away with water or ice. Stay with the worker until help arrives. Give cool water to drink. Remove unnecessary clothing, seek medical care.

In Canada, the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) states:

“Employers have a duty to take every reasonable precaution to ensure the workplace is safe for the worker. This duty includes taking effective measures to protect workers from heat stress disorders if it is not reasonably practicable to control indoor conditions adequately, or where work is done outdoors”.

According to CCOHS, steps can be taken to reduce discomfort.

- Using fans or air conditioning
- Wearing light, loose fitting clothing
- Taking more frequent rest breaks
- Drinking cold beverages (ones that do not have caffeine or alcohol)
- Allowing flexibility to permit less physically demanding activities during peak temperature periods.
- Using screens or umbrellas to create shade.

Check out OSH Answers heat stress document [Hot Environments - Control Measures](#).

We know fireproofing protects life safety in buildings. Those that install fireproofing are exposed to heat, wearing long pants and sleeves in hot weather, and can be vulnerable to heat related injuries. Now is the time to get ready for summer heat, regardless of location!

NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

Did your company promote someone? Retirement?
Exciting company news? Let us know! Email
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Want to be a DRI?

Pass NFCA's SFRM and or IFRM Fireproofing Exams at 80% or better, and become eligible to become a NFCA Designated Responsible Individual (DRI) in the [NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program](#). Once accredited, become a DRI in the [UL Qualified SFRM Contractor Program](#).

Preparing for NFCA's Education for Fireproofing Exams can take place all year long. [NFCA's Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge](#) (HAFK) provides the education you need to take the exam. (HAFK) is a great resource to learn from – for new entrants to fireproofing and seasoned veterans. Don't have a copy? [Order today](#), PDF and Hard Copy available.

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