## Virginia DOLI Consultation Services

To help small employers better understand and voluntarily comply with VOSH standards we offer FREE consultation services.

### What we offer:

- On-site visits
- Training
- Abatement Advice
- Program Assistance

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Heat Stress

#### Working in Hot Environments

Fifty to seventy percent of work related injuries happen within the first few days of working in warm or hot environments. Our bodies need time to acclimate to the heat. If workers start a job without properly acclimating to the heat, they are at major risk for fatal outcomes.

#### Heat Illness Program Elements:

Designate someone to oversee the Heat Illness Prevention Program Identify Heat Hazards Water, Rest, Shade Acclimatization Modify Work Schedules Training of Employees Monitoring employees for signs of Heat Illness Emergency Response Planning

#### We are here to help!

#### First Aid

If any symptoms of heat illness are present the following actions should be taken:

- Get worker to cool shaded area
- Immerse the worker in cold water/ice bath
- Remove heavy layers of clothing and PPE
- Place ice or cold wet towels on the head, neck, trunk, armpits, or groin
- Use fans to circulate the air around
  the worker
- Give Water
- Let Rest
- If employee does not improve call 911



#### Signs of Heat Illness

- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Fainting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- High body temperature
- Muscle or abdominal cramps
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Pale skin
- Profuse sweating
- Rapid heartbeat

