

VIRGINIA CONTACTED ABOUT BEING A POTENTIAL STATE PLAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NACOSH HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION WORK GROUP

The [National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health \(NACOSH\)](#) is a statutory committee established under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to advise the Secretaries of Labor and Health and Human Services on occupational safety and health programs and policies.

At a June 22, 2021 NACOSH meeting, it was [announced](#) that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has requested that NACOSH provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Labor on Heat Illness Prevention guidance and potential rulemaking.

To assist NACOSH with this effort, OSHA has established a NACOSH Heat Illness Prevention Work Group that will consist of experts who have extensive knowledge and experience in the causes of, identification of, and factors that affect heat illness hazards in the workplace, as well as best practices and interventions for mitigating occupational heat illness.

Virginia met with NACOSH representatives on September 9, 2021 and was informed that the work group is going to focus on two items:

1. Provide input on what OSHA is currently doing with its Heat Illness Prevention campaign.
2. Provide input to OSHA at the start of their effort to consider a Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Standard.

They are looking to set up a work group with 12-13 members that would be co-chaired by one business and one labor representative. NACOSH said they were looking at holding quarterly meetings with likely smaller working meetings in between.

They also expressed interest in Virginia's working on a Heat Illness Prevention Standard:

<https://www.doli.virginia.gov/final-standard-for-heat-related-illnesses/>