

Testing your Knowledge of Occupational Heat Stress

Did you know the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) recently proposed a heat-specific regulation within the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)? The proposed changes hold occupational health and safety personnel responsible for implementing heat management solutions to enhance worker safety and prevent heat-related illness and injuries during the performance of work in hot environments. However, to date, little is known about the current heat-related knowledge and training of OHS representatives in Ontario. We are conducting a study to address this critical issue.

Who do we need?

We are recruiting two groups for this study:

Group A:

- ✓ Employed in an occupational health and safety-related position at any workplace governed by the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- ✓ Workers at your company experience heat stress;
- ✓ Aged 18+ years
- ✓ English-speaking; and
- ✓ Able to provide informed consent.

Group B:

- ✓ Any member of the general working public NOT employed in a position related to occupational health and safety;
- ✓ Aged 18+ years
- ✓ English-speaking; and
- ✓ Able to provide informed consent.

What will your participation involve?

- Completing an anonymous online knowledge assessment test (20-25 minutes) via SurveyMonkey.
- Questions will relate to your knowledge of occupational heat stress, including:
 - General heat stress knowledge,
 - Knowing the signs and symptoms of heat stress and first aid,
 - Exposure limits and heat monitoring practices, and
 - Workplace controls for heat management (e.g., administrative controls, engineering controls).
- After 10-days, you will be asked to complete the test again.

For more information or to express interest, please contact Emily Tetzlaff at etetz085@uottawa.ca or the research director Dr. Glen P. Kenny at gkenny@uottawa.ca.

Click here to take the test:



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