



On the Alert!

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Attention: ASCIP Members
Affected: Administrators, Risk Management, Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Faculty & Staff
Applicability: K-12, Community Colleges & Charter Schools

CALIFORNIA EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING

An extreme heat wave is expected to impact California in the coming days, posing significant risks to school district and community college communities. Extreme heat poses serious risks, including heat-related illnesses and increased fire hazards. To effectively manage these risks, review the following:

Communicate Heat Safety Tips: Share clear, concise heat safety guidelines with your team. Share essential tips on staying hydrated, limiting outdoor exposure, recognizing heat-related illness. To assist you, ASCIP has drafted a ready-to-use [Extreme Heat Communications template](#) that outlines these key points.

Wildfire Prevention: Given the increased risk of wildfires during extreme heat, evaluate that your facilities are clear of flammable materials and maintain defensible space around buildings. Report a fire or damages immediately to ASCIP at claims_info@ascip.org. For wildfire prevention tips consult your dedicated ASCIP Risk Services Consultant and review the latest [Wildfire Risk Alert](#).

Staff Safety: Educate staff on recognizing and responding to heat-related illnesses. The [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#) provides valuable resources on heat illness prevention and management.

Air Quality Management: Monitor air quality and limit outdoor activities if air quality deteriorates due to extreme heat. Visit <https://www.airnow.gov/> to obtain real-time, local air quality conditions.

Athletic Programs: Follow the [California Interscholastic Federation \(CIF\)](#) heat acclimatization guidelines to protect athletes from heat stress. Adjust practice times and provide adequate hydration to minimize the risk of heat-related illnesses.

For more information and guidance, consider these additional resources:

- [National Weather Service HeatRisk Online Tool](#)
- [Heat Ready CA](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
 - [CDC HeatRisk Interactive Online Tool](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Preventing Heat-Related Illness](#)
- [How to Report a Claim with ASCIP](#)
- [ASCIP Safety Spotlight & Risk Alerts](#)
 - [Outdoor Heat Safety](#)
 - [Prepare for Hot Weather Indoors and Outdoors](#)
 - [New Indoor Heat Illness Prevention Standard](#)

Contact your ASCIP Risk Services Consultant or our Risk Services team at RM_Info@ascip.org for questions or to discuss further.