

# Updates From California Gov Relations

## California Updates Heat-Safety Rules

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California state officials on Thursday announced heat-safety measures for construction, landscaping and certain other employees who work outdoors.

The measures, adopted by California's Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, based in Sacramento, are expected to take effect this fall. They also affect people who work in agriculture and oil and gas extraction, as well as those who deliver agricultural products, construction materials and other heavy goods.

Under the new measures, for instance, when it's at least 95 degrees companies must observe their employees, "closely" supervise new hires and remind all workers to drink water, said the announcement by California's Department of Industrial Relations.

The safety measures also include shade requirements. For instance, shade must be present when the temperature is at least 85 degrees, and if it's below 85 employers must provide "timely access" to shade upon a worker's request.

In 2005, California became the first state in the U.S. to develop a safety and health regulation to protect workers from heat illness. That measure took effect in 2006, and includes providing employees with water, shade and rest, as well as heat illness training for workers and supervisors.

The measures adopted are revisions to the Heat Illness Prevention Standard. The state Office of Administrative Law now has 30 business days to approve them.

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## Occupational Safety And Health Standards Board

### Rollover Protection Structures for Ride-On Power Lawn Mowers

[http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/Lawn\\_Mower\\_ROPS.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/Lawn_Mower_ROPS.html)

This regulatory action addresses the requirements for using a roll-over protective structure (ROPS) and seat belt during operation of ride-on, sit-down, power lawn mowers. It also includes training requirements for operators of these types of power lawn mowers.

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