



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Heat Injury Prevention

1. The 2002 hot weather season is approaching. I ask that you review and update your programs and policies for the prevention of heat injuries. Commanders and supervisors at all levels are responsible for protecting soldiers and civilian personnel from heat injury.
2. Although the majority of heat injuries occur in the summer months, they can occur in any month of the year. Therefore, I urge commanders to implement prevention programs immediately, with emphasis on education and reinforcement throughout the season.
3. Extremes in weather conditions pose additional problems to our workforce and increase the risk of heat injury. To prevent heat injuries, commanders must develop procedures to alert individuals of heat stress and adopt techniques to reduce the susceptibility of personnel to climactic injury. I want every soldier and civilian, whose primary workday is spent conducting arduous tasks outdoors or in buildings without climate control, to receive heat injury prevention training.
4. To assist you, the Command Surgeon has developed a baseline heat injury training package (enclosed, to be distributed by email). This can be used to train personnel on climatic injury prevention.
5. Point of contact for this training package is MAJ Thurman at DSN 767-9470, Commercial (703) 617-9470, or <thurmane@hqamc.army.mil>. Additional training materials and information can be obtained from the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM) at <<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat/>>.

Encl:
Training Package


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