

ROOFING (HEAT) HAZARDS

Roofing work using tar, torches, or welding can expose you to heat, burns, and overexertion that can lead to serious injuries and heat illness.

Dress to protect yourself from heat and burns. Wear light-colored, flame-resistant clothing with long sleeves and cuffless long pants. Wear a hard hat, safety boots with a non-slip sole and heel, and leather or heat-resistant gloves. Face shields, side-shielded safety glasses, and goggles can protect your eyes and a respirator can guard against fume exposures.

Check the weather. Working in high temperatures and humidity can lead to heat illness. Do the heaviest work during the coolest part of the day. Stay hydrated by drinking water frequently. And, take breaks in cool, shaded areas.

To prevent fires, clear flammable material, gases and/or liquids off the roof and have fire extinguishers available. Don't torch directly onto building materials, flashing, or voids in the roof.

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