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Labour Department introduced Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work

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The Labour Department (LD) introduced the Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work on 15 May 2023. Employers and employees are reminded to take appropriate measures to prevent heat stroke when working in hot weather or hot environments according to the guidance notes.

For details of the guidance notes, please refer to the LD's webpage
https://www.labour.gov.hk/common/public/oh/Heat_Stress_GN_en.pdf

To enhance the awareness of employers and employees on heat stroke prevention and to promote the guidelines, OSHC and the Labour Department have strengthened their publicity and promotion effort, which include:

★ **Launching a special webpage on the prevention of heat stroke at work:**

<https://www.noheatstress.hk/en/> (official launch on 15 May 2023)

➤ The webpage provides practical information on heat stroke prevention, and also features an interactive tool (Rest Time Calculator) that allows users to calculate the duration of breaks according to their workload, working environment and equipment under different heat stress at work warning levels.

★ **Set up a 24-hour heat stroke prevention hotline:** WhatsApp number: 93170987 (Official launch on 15 May 2023)

➤ It is convenient for employers and employees to inquire about the new guidelines and information related to heat stroke prevention.

★ **Launching the SMEs portable Fan Sponsorship Scheme:**

<https://bit.ly/41dDSVE> (Chinese version only) (Offer valid while stocks last)

➤ SMEs in 12 designated industries that have never received funding can redeem a portable fan set for \$40.

OSHC and LD will also visit construction sites with trade unions to promote heat stroke prevention information. Through online and offline publicity, seminars and courses, OSHC and LD are promoting the prevention of heat stroke to industries with high risk of heat stroke.

✓ **How to learn more about the new Guidance Notes and information of preventing heat stroke?**

A seminar cum exhibition will be held in the afternoon on 31 May 2023. Please enter the hyperlink below-

<https://sms.oshc.hk/portal/enrollment/activityE.aspx?activityid=9013>

✓ **How to receive the latest information on heat stroke prevention?**

You are welcome to register your personal information for the latest information on heat stroke prevention in the workplace issued by OSHC and the Labour Department the website below. <https://bit.ly/3NTkQkp>

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