

Hired Latinx Child Farmworkers: HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS (HRI)

HRI results from prolonged exposure to high temperatures and humidity. HRI is dangerous and can cause death. Children are at greater risk of HRI than adults.

A recent study in North Carolina of over 230 hired Latinx child farmworkers age 10-17 found heat to be a primary danger in the fields.

CHILDREN SAID THEY EXPERIENCED HRI SYMPTOMS ALONG WITH PRESSURE TO WORK FAST

Go faster or I'll replace you.

I need this field finished by 12.

It's really hot-- you think you're going to die.

You feel like a fish without water.

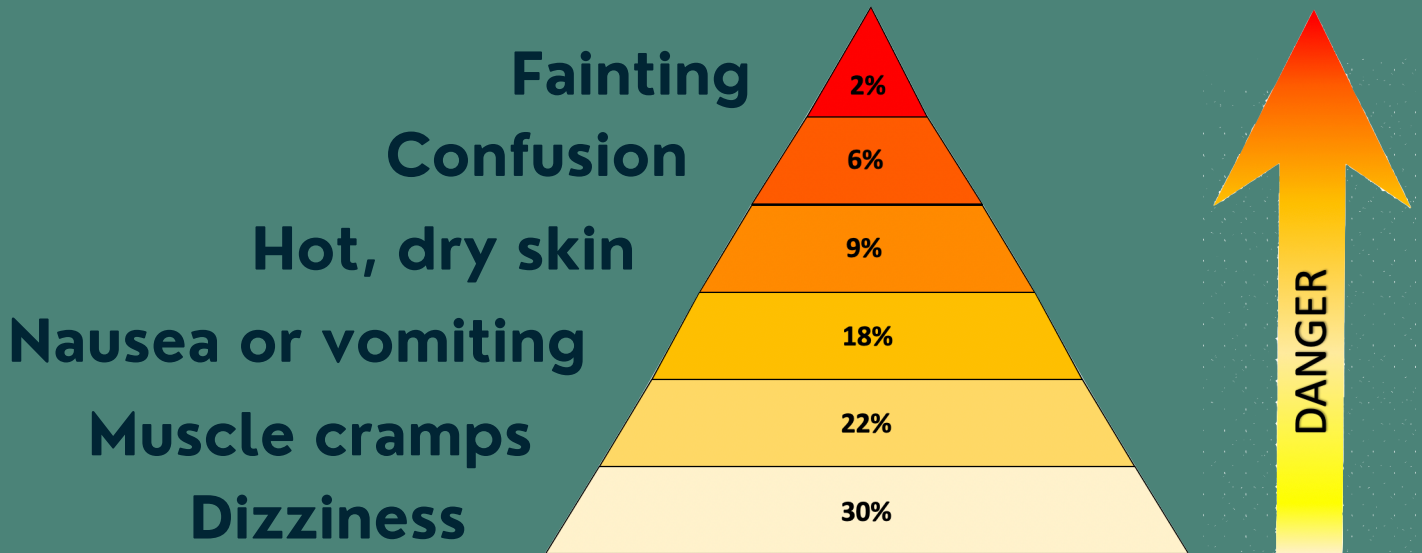
The boss won't let you drink.

Dizzy...

My head is like in another world.

Like you're going to pass out...

NEARLY HALF OF CHILD FARMWORKERS REPORTED AT LEAST ONE HRI SYMPTOM WHILE WORKING IN HOT WEATHER IN THE PAST YEAR



RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Change laws that allow child labor in agriculture.

Support parents with better pay and year-round employment so children do not need to do farm work.

Establish a national heat standard to require access to shade, rest breaks, and an emergency response plan.

Train supervisors and children to recognize the early warning signs of HRI.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Advocate

For policies that protect children and support farmworkers

Educate

Your friends and family about child farmworkers

Get involved

With organizations that support farmworker safety