

CLIMATE CHANGE IS UNION BUSINESS.



AS CLIMATE CHANGE WORSENS, HERE'S HOW THE EFFECTS IMPACT WORKERS' HEALTH AND SAFETY.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

In a world 2 degrees warmer, hot weather days in Australia are expected to increase by at least 85%. This means a greater risk for workers of heatstroke, skin cancers and exhaustion.

Infectious diseases from insects such as mosquitoes are expected to increase due to higher temperatures and humid conditions.

MENTAL HEALTH

Increased extreme weather events mean workers will face greater stress at home and anxiety about the future. This can have a profound impact on work performance.

Extreme heat is also associated with violence from the public. This means workers in public facing roles will be more at risk from occupational violence.

**Employers have a duty under the OHS Act to keep workers safe.
This includes safety from risks created by climate change.**



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