

This FACT SHEET has been created by The British Sign and Graphics Association to:

Raise Awareness:

Emphasise the importance of summer safety for signage operatives for safety, legal compliance, and accessibility.

Guide Compliance:

Share clear, concise guidance on achieving regulatory standards.

Promote Best Practices:

Highlight creative, functional solutions that balance safety with design.

Set Standards:

Establish benchmarks for safety, quality, and accessibility within the industry.

Provide Clarity:

Support industry stakeholders to align work activities with applicable regulations and end user requirements.

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COMPLIANCE

KNOWLEDGEHUB:

SUMMER SAFETY FOR SIGNAGE OPERATIVES



WHEN THE WEATHER IS HOT ONSITE SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR SIGNAGE OPERATIVES

WORK SMART IN THE HEAT: FIVE TIPS WHEN WORKING ONSITE DURING HOT WEATHER







APPLY SUN SCREEN!
SPF 30+ NEEDED
TOP UP REGULARLY
IF REQUIRED
USE SUN BLOCK



WEAR PROTECTION!
USE EYE PROTECTION
AND BREATHABLE CLOTHING
IF REQUIRED
WEAR A HAT



START EARLY!
BEAT THE HEAT!
AVOID 15.00 -18.00
IF POSSIBLE
WORK FLEXIBLE HOURS



TAKE SHADE BREAKS!

REST OFTEN IN COOL

OR SHADED SPOTS

ROTATE TASKS TO

REDUCE PHYSICAL EXERTION



PROTECT YOURSELF: STAY ALERT AND RECOGNISE THESE 5 SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS



TAKE ACTION!

NAUSEA OR

VOMITING



TAKE ACTION!
FATIGUE OR
WEAKNESS



TAKE ACTION!
HOT, DRY OR
VERY SWEATY SKIN.



TAKE ACTION!
DIZZINESS OR
LIGHT HEADEDNESS



TAKE ACTION!
HEADACHES OR
CONFUSION

With summer temperatures rising across the United Kingdom (UK), signage professionals must take extra care when working in high temperatures.

Prolonged heat exposure can lead to serious health conditions such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

This guidance outlines key steps to manage hot weather risks in line with UK health and safety legislation, including the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

Under these regulations, employers have a legal duty to assess risks and take reasonable steps to protect workers' health, including from environmental hazards such as heat.

Further Guidance and Legal Responsibilities:

This guidance should be used alongside site-specific risk assessments and active weather monitoring procedures.

Employers are legally required to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments under Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, and to implement appropriate measures to eliminate or reduce foreseeable risks — including those posed by hot weather.

Visit our website for additional support, please refer to dedicated BSGA guidance documents or contact the Association directly for training, resources, or tailored advice.

Stay informed:

Health and Safety Executive: www.hse.gov.uk

Weather alerts and heatwave updates: www.metoffice.gov.uk

IF SOMEONE SHOWS SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS: MOVE THEM TO A SHADED OR COOL AREA, OFFER WATER, AND SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IF SYMPTOMS CONTINUE.