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Keep your employees cool this summer

By Shayna Balch

Last year, some parts of the country experienced the hottest summer on record. This year may well be record breaking as well, at least in some parts of the country. Keeping employees safe and cool during the next four months should be of paramount importance for all business owners and employers.

Know The Risks

While the obvious solution to heat-related injuries is to stay in an air-conditioned environment, many workers don't have that option on a regular basis. Heat can sneak up on even the most prepared worker, which is why employees need to have a solid understanding of the dangers of working out

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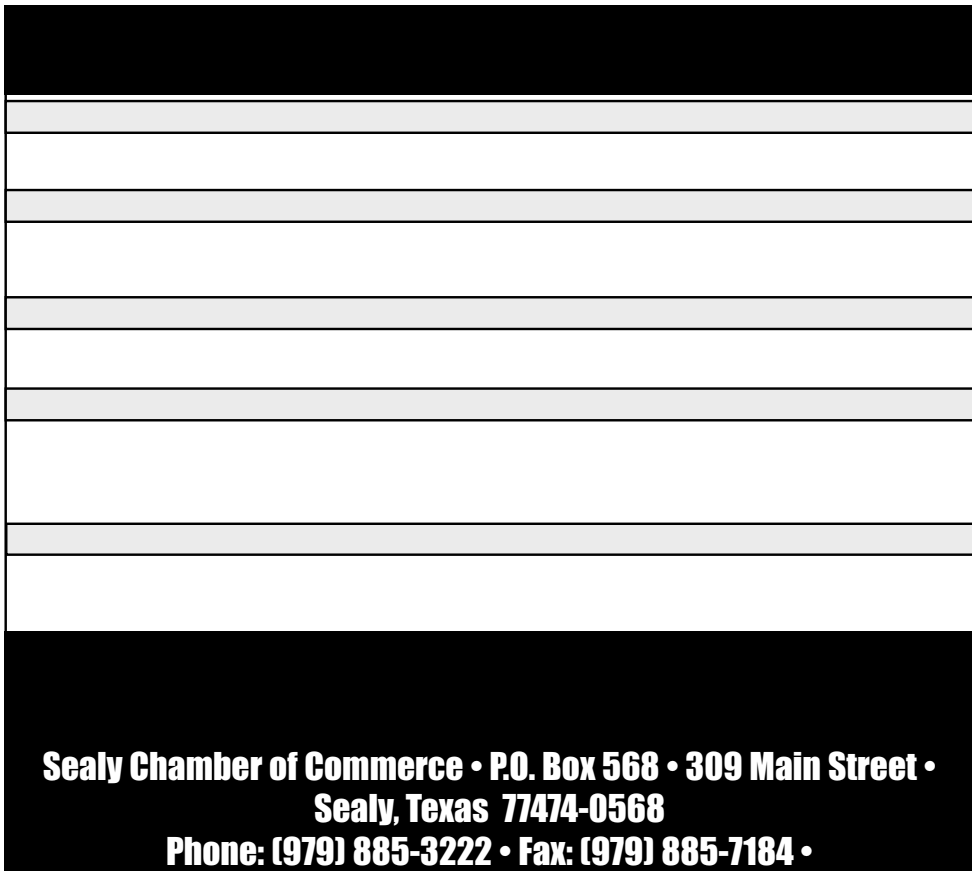
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"WE'VE PLANNED AROUND YOU"

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August 5: Ribbon Cutting for our New Member "Predator Down" Chamber Office at 11:00 – Join us in Welcoming our New Member!

August 19: Bring your own lunch to "Chamber 101", at the Chamber Office starts at NOON. Subject to be covered: How to utilize your web page on the Chamber's website.

**August 27: Chamber Luncheon. Speaker: Congressman Michael McCaul
Stephen F. Austin Country Club
11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Program starts promptly at NOON**

September 11: Annual Chamber Golf Tournament and "After Hours Mixer" Tournament registration begins at 11 a.m. and the Mixer is from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Stephen F. Austin Golf Club

**September 24: Chamber Luncheon.
Speakers: Austin County EMS and Sealy ER
Tony's Family Restaurant
11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
Program starts promptly at NOON**

**October 15: The Sealy Chamber of Commerce Presents:
The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus**

October 21: "Chamber 101" New member orientation, at the Chamber Office NOON

**October 29: Sealy Chamber Luncheon
Speaker: Mathew Wehring
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**November 5: Chamber Annual Award Luncheon
Maribelli Italian Ristorante**




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Texas Children's Health Plan

The Sealy Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 21 at Sealy Junior High School to welcome Texas Children's Health Plan as a new member of the chamber. Pictured from the left are Candice Hebert, Kathy Holloman (chamber), Andres Garcia, Margaret Lilienthal, Rachel Kubala, Joann Berndt, Michelle Allen and Chamber Executive Director Peggy Spradley.

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side and how to recognize the signs of heat-related illness.

Working in environments that expose employees to high temperatures and humidity, direct sun exposure, indoor radiant heat sources (ovens, hot manufacturing processes, etc.), limited air movement, and which require physical exertion, often pose the greatest risks for heat exhaustion, heat-stroke and other high heat related injuries.

Not drinking enough fluids, lack of personal protective equipment or clothing, certain medications, physical condition, lack of recent exposure (not acclimatized), and advanced age are also risk factors. Workers should discuss their individual risk factors with their healthcare provider and make sure their employers are aware of any health issues that would prevent them from working in severe temperature

environments.

Offer Solutions

The first line of defense is making sure that your employees have the necessary tools in place in order to stay safe and cool, should they need to be exposed to the elements for a long period of time. OSHA currently offers heat safety posters and a new "Heat Safety Tools" app that both employers and employees can utilize.

PLACES TO GO THINGS TO DO

August 9: Trinity Lutheran Church BBQ & Auction, at the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from 11 to 2 pm.

August 21: 43rd Annual Bellville VFD Celebration, at the Austin County Fair Convention & Expo Center from 4 to 11:55 pm.

August 22: Texas Bluegrass Music Show & Jam, at Couthatte Recreational Ranch from 6 to 9 pm.

Send us your events

If you have an event in the upcoming year that's open to the public and would like to see it in the Chambers E-blast, email the info to us at (Tammy@sealychamber.com) by Friday and we'll add it to our Tuesday newsletter.

We CAN'T promote your events if we don't know they're happening!

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President's remarks



Kathy Holloman
Sealy Chamber of Commerce
President

The Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament is on September 11th and will be at the Stephen F Austin Golf Club. An "After Hour's Mixer" will follow the tournament at Stephen F Austin Golf Clubhouse, MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

The tournament has always provided a great opportunity to market your company to dozens of other local and out of area companies. Over the years a lot of business has taken place on the golf course during and after play.

The Chamber's next Luncheon will be August 27, 2015 to be held at the Stephen F. Austin Country Club and our guest speaker will be Congressman Michael Mc Caul.

Make sure you come and bring a friend or new business owner; you do not have to be a member to attend. Don't forget plenty of business cards; we will have drawings during the event for prizes!! Plan on being there if you can, just to network with your fellow community business leaders. Hope to see you there!

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