

Safety Advisory

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Subject: NWCG Heat Related Illness (HRI) Reporting Form

The NWCG Risk Management Committee (RMC) has just developed a new HRI reporting form. This form was developed as part of the HRI prevention initiative.

This use of this form is entirely voluntary; however, its use is highly encouraged so that we can continue to learn, understand, and develop appropriate HRI mitigations for wildland firefighters.

As noted on the form, this report <u>does not</u> include Personal Identifiable Information (PII) and does not replace respective agencies official reporting requirements.

Several HRI incidents have already occurred during the 2013 fire season and concerns have been elevated that firefighters and/or supervisors are not immediately reporting potential symptoms of HRIs. It is imperative that any potential HRI be reported IMMEDIATELY! Lack of reporting and immediate medical care can and has led to catastrophic outcomes.

Below is the link to the NWCG Heat Related Illness (HRI) Reporting Form:

http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/Heat_Illness_Reporting_Form.pdf

Additional Related Information:

NWCG Safety Advisory, "Heat Illness Prevention Pocket Guide": <u>http://www.nifc.gov/safetyAlerts/Advisories/SA_20130405_HeatIllnessPrevPG.pdf</u>

For more wildland fire safety and risk management information, go to the RMC website at: <u>http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/</u>