



Climate Change: An Often-Missed Cause of Occupational Injuries?

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We are soliciting articles for this special Issue of *IJERPH*, which is entitled "Climate change: an often-missed cause of occupational injuries?" Mean annual air temperatures are globally getting hotter. As recently stated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), warming from pre-industrial levels to the decade 2006–2015 ranges between 0.75°C and 0.99°C, with a significant surge in both magnitude and frequency of extreme events such as heatwaves (HWs). In the past decades, biomedical research has typically focused on the effects of the climate change on the epidemiology of infectious diseases, while studies on the impact of the environmental heat focused on highly vulnerable residential groups (e.g. elderly, people affected by chronic diseases, etc.), particularly after the major events of 1995 (North America) and 2003 (Western Europe). More recently, high environmental temperatures have been associated with an increased risk of occupational injuries, particularly for settings characterized by a combination of environmental exposure, uncontrolled heat sources, and strenuous muscular work.





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