

Resources

Top tips for protecting your business in the heat



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As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of sunshine, it's important to recognise the challenges that come with rising temperatures.

Extreme heat can increase the risk of fires, cause damage to buildings and pose health risks to staff.

Build business resilience with these simple, proactive steps.

Fire

As temperatures soar, so does the risk of fires. Stay vigilant and avoid the hassle of dealing with the aftermath.

Combustibles

Dry vegetation and wastebins can ignite easily. Stick to your cleaning schedule to keep your space safe before the heat hits.

Smoking areas

Got designated smoking spots? They could be fire hazards in extreme heat. Clear out debris and bin flammable materials to keep your business secure.

Cool equipment

Rising temps mean your machinery works overtime. Provide shade or non-combustible shelters to prevent overheating and keep operations smooth.





Buildings

Did you know many UK buildings aren't built well for extreme heat? For example, concrete structures, soak up the sun's rays, turning them into potential heat traps.

Excessive heat and sunlight can lead to cracks and warping, while prolonged dry spells might cause subsidence. Don't let your premises fall victim to the elements.

Beat the heat

Extreme heat can wear down your building materials, so keep your structures safe with a robust, regular maintenance routine.

Cool down

Use morning breezes to your advantage, then close blinds and curtains as the day heats up to maintain a cooler indoor climate.

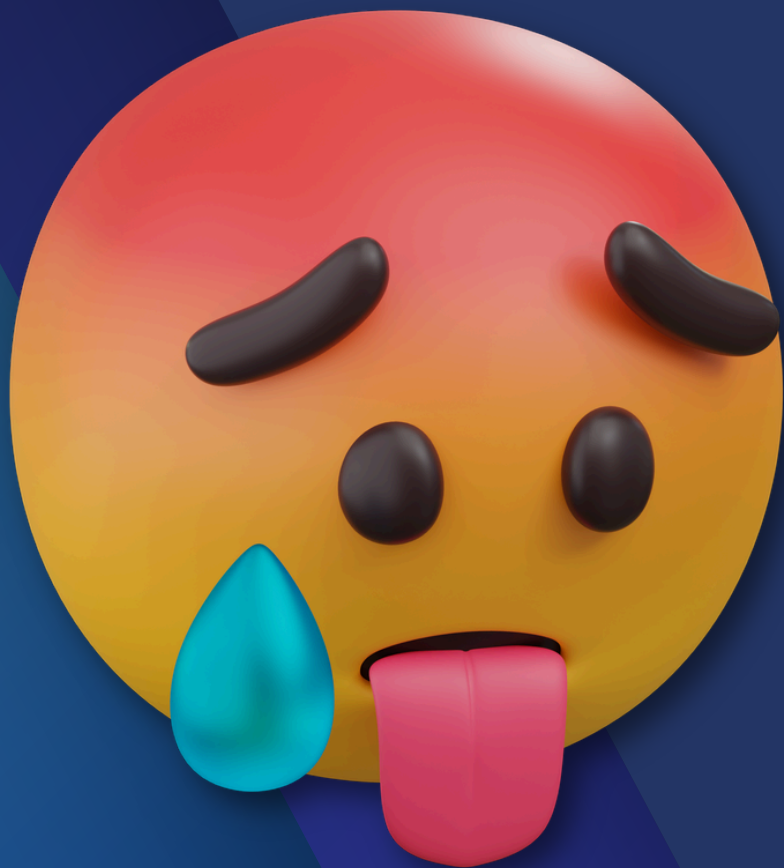
Breathe easy

Combat humidity and prevent mould by ensuring proper building ventilation.



People first

Whether your crew is braving the outdoors or chilling in an air-conditioned office, rising temperatures call for smart precautions. Here's how to keep everyone safe...



Dress appropriately

If working outside, encourage your team to wear hats and regularly use sunscreen to shield against UV rays. Also consider relaxing your usual office dress-code (e.g. allowing shorts).

Stay hydrated

Ensure easy access to water and remind staff to drink - hydration is key during a heatwave!

Adjust schedules

Consider rescheduling complex or risky tasks to cooler times or postponing them if possible.

Follow guidelines

Stay informed with government advice to minimise sun and heat risks.



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