TDCJ has begun enforcing its heat protocols for 2022. We are aware that these policies are not always followed at the unit level. So to hold TDCJ accountable we need your help!

Please check all that apply and add any additional information on a separate piece of paper.

- No cups
- No ice
- Broken ice machine
- No water
- No heat policy posted
- Denied access to respite areas
- Denied access to cold showers
- Cold showers not working/pressure low
- No bottled water in commissary
- No electrolytes in commissary
- No cooling towels in commissary
- No cooling shirts in commissary
- Health crisis disregarded
- No wellness checks being done
- No water breaks while working especially outside jobs
- Denied a personal fan (Inmates are allowed 2 personal fans with the exception of Inmates at transfer facilities.)
- No access to unit fans
- Broken unit fans
- Not being allowed to wear shorts and t-shirts in the dayroom and recreational areas.
- Transported/left in a hot bus

Please describe how often you receive water and the condition of the water. (hot, with or without ice, bugs or mold)

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How often are you allowed to take cold showers?

_______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

When not allowed, describe reason given, frequency, time of day, and any other circumstances.

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Have you been denied access to respite areas? If yes, please include why, the date, and who denied you.

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If granted access to respite areas describe the most recent example, circumstances, conditions, time of day and duration.

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Where are the non-working fans?


Heat-related medical concerns

Are you heat restricted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe your heat restriction __________________________________________

Have you been asked to waive your heat restrictions? Yes ☐ No

Who asked? __________________________________________

Have you chosen to waive your heat restriction(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you prescribed heat-sensitive medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been asked to stop taking your medicine? Yes ☐ No

Did you stop taking your medicine? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Do you have any underlying health conditions such as: diabetes, high blood pressure, or cancer? ____________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have a heat-related illness? (Describe) ____________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Have you had a heat-related illness or symptoms of heat exhaustion: dizziness; fainting; heat rash; headache, dizziness, and confusion; loss of appetite and feeling sick; excessive sweating; pale, clammy skin; cramps in the arms, legs, and stomach; fast breathing or pulse. Please describe.
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Do you know of any heat-related deaths? (name)__________________________________________

We have received a lot of complaints about "heat restricted" incarcerated being transferred to air-conditioned units, or "cool beds" within Segregation areas of a unit and denied access to numerous privileges. Some are being treated as if they are in solitary or Ad-Seg when their classification level is not consistent with segregation restrictions. Therefore, the following questions are designed to investigate this issue

What is your classification level? □ G1 □ G2 □ G3 □ G4 □ G5
Have you been moved to a Seg area for a "cool bed"? □ Yes □ No
Is there always air conditioning in Ad. Seg? □ Yes □ No

After moving to a Seg area have you been denied any of the following?

□ Dayroom access □ Physical access to Law Library □ Marriage Seminars
□ Outside recreation □ Educational Classes □ Rehabilitation Programs
□ Inside recreation □ Phone privileges □ Visitation
□ Commissary □ Access to showers □ Denied water

JOB
What is your job? ____________________________________________ Time frame held? _______________________

How many hours a day do you work? _______________________

Please describe any circumstances during work related to the heat conditions? (including sunlight exposure, given the option not to work, requested protections given, adequate water provided, different work is offered, other benefits are provided) ____________________________________________

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Are you allowed water breaks for field jobs? □ Yes □ No Are you heat sensitive □ Yes □ No
□ Step I Grievance filed □ Step II Grievance filed

Results from Step I & Step II Grievance ____________________________________________

Helpful Information - If you become aware of a situation where the TDCJ Heat Directive is not being followed, it should be reported immediately and if not remedied, a Step 1 Grievance should be filed. If a heat situation continues after a Step 1 Grievance has been filed, a Step 2 Grievance should be filed.

If you would like to share any additional information, or have any relevant documentation and/or, have anything you feel may be helpful, you may write to us at;
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