Heat Index Chart

Relative Humidity (%)

	°F														
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
Air Temperature	110	136													
	108	130	137							-lea					
	106	124	130	137					ı '	Heat Index (Apparent					
	104	119	124	131	137				Т.	emperature)					
	102	114	119	124	130	137			Ľ						
	100	109	114	118	124	129	136								
	98	105	109	113	117	123	128	134							
	96	101	104	108	112	116	121	126	132						
	94	97	100	103	106	110	114	119	124	129	135				
	92	94	96	99	101	105	108	112	116	121	126	131			
	90	91	93	95	97	100	103	106	109	113	117	122	127	132	
	88	88	89	91	93	95	98	100	103	106	110	113	117	121	
	86	85	87	88	89	91	93	95	97	100	102	105	108	112	
	84	83	84	85	86	88	89	90	92	94	96	98	100	103	
	82	81	82	83	84	84	85	86	88	89	90	91	93	95	
	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	84	84	85	86	86	87	

With Prolonged Exposure and/or Physical Activity

and of Physical Activity
Extreme Danger
Heat stroke or sunstroke highly likely
Danger
Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion likely
Extreme Caution
Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion possible
Caution
Fatigue possible

On average, about 175 Americans succumb to the taxing demands of heat every year. Our bodies dissipate heat by varying the rate and depth of blood circulation, by losing water through the skin and sweat glands, and as a last resort, by panting, when blood is heated above 98.6°F. Sweating cools the body through evaporation. However, high relative humidity retards evaporation, robbing the body of its ability to cool itself.

When heat gain exceeds the level the body can remove, body temperature begins to rise, and heat related illnesses and disorders may develop. The Heat Index (HI) is the temperature the body feels when heat and humidity are combined.

The chart above shows the HI that corresponds to the actual air temperature and relative humidity. (NOTE: This chart is based upon shady, light wind conditions. Exposure to direct sunlight can increase the HI by up to 15%.) (Due to the nature of the heat index calculation, the values in the tables below have an error of +/- 1.3F.)