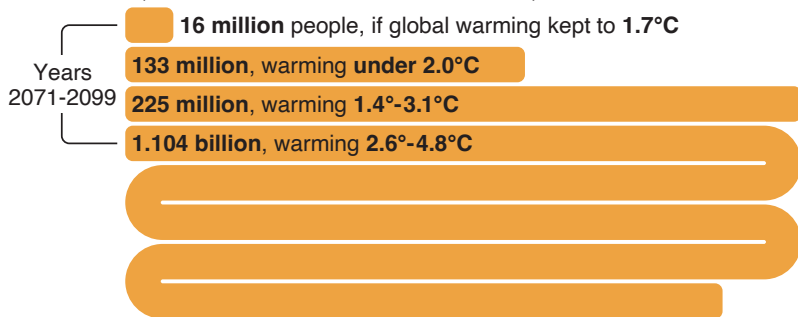


Action needed to protect workers from heat stress

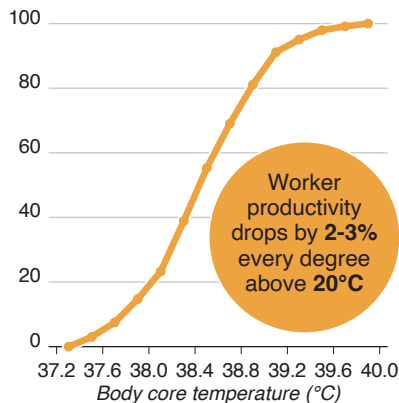
The UN is urging governments to take more care protecting workers exposed to extreme temperatures – as heatwaves become fiercer and more common, serious health risks are on the rise



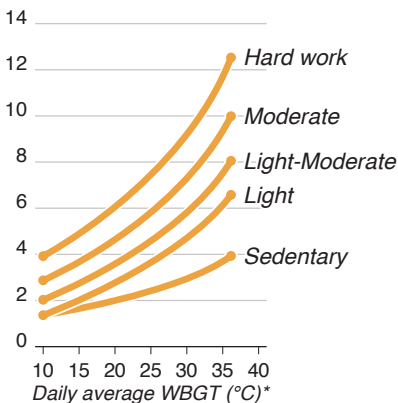
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN AREAS OF INCREASED HIGH HEAT (31°C*, under different future scenarios)



FREQUENCY OF ENCOUNTERING HEAT EXHAUSTION (%)



WATER NEEDED AT VARYING TEMPERATURES (litres per day)



*Wet-Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) – measure of environmental heat as it affects humans, accounting for air temperature, humidity, radiant heat and air movement

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