



## CUPE YYZ SAFETY

### PREVENTING EXCESSIVELY HIGH CABIN TEMPERATURES

The air temperature on board an aircraft must be maintained prior to passenger boarding and while passengers are on board, at a level of not less than 18°C and not more than 29°C. During the summer when the aircraft cabin temperature is 21C (70F) and a full load of passengers are boarded, the cabin temperature can increase at a rate of approximately 0.5C (1F) per minute. When the outdoor temperature is above 14C (57F), cabin ventilation or cooling is required by ground staff. Please notify the Captain immediately who can notify the appropriate ground staff to address the issue, as per AC Ramp Operations Manual Publication 70, chapter 10. When there is a potential for exposure to heat stress, the following control measures may be taken to prevent heat exposure:

- Reduce physical demands of work task;
- Drink water about every 20 minutes, or more frequently, to stay hydrated;
- In excessive weather, the jacket may be removed. For safety reasons, it must always be worn for take-off, landing and in emergency situations. (ePub >Home » About You » Image » Uniforms & Luggage » Useful Information).

PART 7 TEMPERATURE AND LIGHTING of the Aviation Occupational Safety and Health Regulations state:

7.1 -If reasonably practicable, the air temperature on board an aircraft shall be maintained at a level of not less than 18°C and not more than 29°C.

**In Solidarity,**

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