



Worker Safety

## **Welders Need Anti-Fatigue Matting, Too**

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### **The Welder's Struggle**

Anyone that knows a welder or is a welder themselves can appreciate the rigors of the job. Day in and day out, welders are expected to form quality welds while working on hard, unforgiving concrete. Sadly, these dedicated workers come to accept that the resulting aches and pains are just part of the job.

It isn't and doesn't have to be.

### **Health and Well-being**

There's science behind welders' aches and pains. Standing in one place on hard surfaces creates a static position that doesn't engage the muscle movement necessary for circulation, causing swelling in the lower extremities. The sheer hardness of concrete doesn't absorb impact, it resists it, affecting the health of the lower back, legs, feet and joints. Over time, any number of these can evolve into debilitating MSDs.

### **Productivity and Performance**

When they suffer, businesses suffer. The health of welders has a direct effect on their productivity and performance. Quality welds and fabrication take an enormous degree of precision and focus. Even the best welders find it hard to ignore the painful effects of standing on concrete. The farther they are into their shift, the greater the distraction and likelihood of less than quality work.

### **Morale and Retention**

Like so many skilled trades, welders are in high demand and short supply. Businesses can't afford to lose these workers if it can be avoided. It can. Investing in ant-fatigue matting demonstrates that their

employer cares about their health and well-being. Gallup research has consistently shown that companies that show their commitment to employees by providing them with the tools they need improves employees' morale and dedication.

## **Anti-Fatigue Mats for Welding Do Exist**

Not all anti-fatigue mats can hold up to the high demands of welding conditions. Most employers know this and some resist using them. The mats they've tried failed. Mats may all look the same, but they don't perform the same.

**WEARWELL's welding mats** have a unique SBR rubber surface with a melting point of over 500°F Fahrenheit. The fatigue-fighting support comes from the proprietary Nitricell sponge base. It absorbs repeated compression and bounces back better than any PVC sponge alternative.

WEARWELL has two styles of welding mats, both proudly made here in the USA. Accept no substitutes in your welding operations.

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