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Community Care Plan, “the health plan with a heart”

July is a hot summer month. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has some tips to stay cool in the heat. According to the CDC, more than 600 people every year die from extreme heat. Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable if the right actions are taken.

Who is at high risk for heat-related illness and death?

- Children under 2
- Adults over 65
- People with Chronic Disease
- People with Mental Illness

What should I do to stay safe in hot weather?

- Stay hydrated: Drink fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Bathe: Take cool showers and baths to cool off.
- Wear Sunscreen.
- Wear light colored/loose/light weight clothing.
- Go into an indoor air-conditioned areas.
- Make sure your friends and neighbors are ok.
- Do not leave pets and children in a hot car.
- Check the news for weather safety updates.

What causes the body to overheat?

High humidity can cause the body does not release sweat as quickly because the sweat does not evaporate fast enough. The below factors also can cause a person not to cool off in hot weather:

- Age
- Obesity
- Being dehydrated
- Prescription drugs
- Alcohol
- Poor Circulation
- Sunburn
- Heart Disease
- Mental illness

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat/>



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