

# PREVENT HEAT STRESS THIS SUMMER

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### What is Heat Stress?

When the body is unable to cool itself by sweating, several heat-induced illnesses such as heat stress or heat exhaustion and the more severe heat stroke can occur, and can result in death.



## **Preventing Heat Stress**

- Block out direct sun or other heat sources.
- Use cooling fans/air-conditioning;
- Drink lots of water; about 1 cup every 15 minutes.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, or heavy meals.

#### What to Do for Heat-Related Illness Emergencies

Notify Supervision and follow their instructions:

- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area.
- Loosen or remove heavy clothing.
- Provide drinking water.
- Fan and mist the person with water.



# Take Immediate Action in the Case of Heat Stroke



- Dry, hot skin with no sweating.
- Mental confusion.
- Loss of consciousness, or
- Seizures or fits.





