



Beat the Heat

Who are most at risk from heat



Babies



People with medical conditions

Older adults



Young children



Cool yourself

- Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty
- You should not drink soft drinks and alcohol
- Stay out of the sun
- Wear lightweight, loose clothing
- Minimise physical activity
- Take a cool shower



Keep your home cool

- Use fan
- Use the air conditioner
- Keep doors and windows closed during the day
- Close curtains and external blinds during the day
- Cool your house at night, open windows and blinds
- You should not cook during the day



Take a break from heat

- If you don't have air conditioning at home, visit a friend or relative who has it
- Put wet clothes or cool packs on your forehead, arms, and neck
- Visit shopping centres and pools



Watch ABC news
(or)



listen to the radio to stay informed:

- ABC Local 91.1FM
- Gold 107.1AM and 98.3FM
- Hit 91.9FM
- Radio KLFM 96.5FM and 106.3FM
- Triple M 93.5FM

Keep your phone charged and close by.

It is a clever idea to have a battery-operated radio handy, so that you can listen to it when necessary.



In Australia, heatwaves kill more people than any other natural disasters.

What is a Heatwave?

A Heatwave is extremely hot weather that lasts for 3 or more days.

Extreme heatwave can affect everyone. Planning ahead and being prepared for extreme heat is important for our health, wellbeing and safety.

In an extreme hot day:

- Adult men and women should drink between 2 and 2.5 litres or more of water per day



- Children (depending on their age) to drink between 1 to 2 litres of water or more per day



Have a plan (Know who to call if you need help)

- Ambulance - 000, Call when your life is in danger
- NURSE-ON-CALL – 1300 606 024 (Available 24/7). Call to get advice when you are worried about your health
- VicEmergency Hotline - 1800 226 226
- List 3 people (friends or relatives) with their phone number, so that you can call them when you are worried
- If you don't speak English, call 131 450 to request a Karen interpreter, and ask them to call the above phone numbers.



