Summertime in Texas!

One thing is for sure, it’s HOT! Exposure to heat can cause illness and death. Heat stroke represents the most serious heat-related illness. We encourage you to read these tips to help keep you safe during the summer months.

RISK FACTORS FOR HEAT ILLNESS

- High temperature and humidity, direct sun exposure, no breeze or wind
- Low liquid intake
- Heavy physical labor or activity
- Heavy clothing

SYMPTOMS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Headache, dizziness, or fainting
- Weakness and cool, clammy skin or excessive sweating
- Irritability or confusion
- Thirst, nausea, or vomiting

SYMPTOMS OF HEAT STROKE

- Confusion, unable to think clearly, fainting, collapse or seizures
- Individual may stop sweating, skin dry and hot
- Difficulty breathing, headache, dizziness, vomiting
- Loss of consciousness

If you notice someone suffering from any of these symptoms, immediately call 911 for medical attention!

HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION

- Wear light loose fitting and/or light colored clothes that allow air to flow through them
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day
- Avoid drinks with caffeine and alcohol; these can cause you to dehydrate faster
- If at all possible, work or play in a shaded area
- If you are on medication, check to make sure long exposure to the sun is safe
- Take frequent rest breaks
- If possible, take breaks and/or seek shelter in air conditioned spaces
**FLUID REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES FOR WARM-WEATHER**

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*IF YOU FOLLOW THESE HEAT ILLNESS SAFETY TIPS THEY WILL KEEP YOU WORKING AND PLAYING THROUGH THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS!*

**LINKS FOR ADDITIONAL HEAT SAFETY INFORMATION:**

- [http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/?n=safety-summer-summersafety](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/?n=safety-summer-summersafety)
- [https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3154.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3154.pdf)

The key to avoid heat-related illnesses is **PREVENTION!**

[http://www.shsu.edu/dept/human-resources/risk-management/](http://www.shsu.edu/dept/human-resources/risk-management/)