"Lookout" from Loss Control Heat Illness Prevention



Temperatures are ramping up and the summer solstice is in full swing! Combining high temps with humidity only adds to the increased risk of suffering a heat illness injury. Both outdoor and indoor heat exposure can be extremely dangerous, even fatal. Consider these tips to help prevent heat illness!



Take your time and build a tolerance to the heat. Follow the **20% rule**: try to be outside no more than 20% at full intensity of the heat. Increase the duration by 20% a day until you are used to being in the heat.

Drink cool water even if you are not thirsty, about 1 cup every 20 minutes. Prepare and plan to take frequent breaks in shaded areas or cool locations. Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that breathes, such as a moisture wicking fabric.



Beginning Stages of Heat Illness

Watch For:

-Headache or Nausea--Weakness-

-Heavy Sweating or hot, dry skin--Extreme Thirst--Decreased urine output-

Medical Emergency

Abnormal Thinking & Behavior

Slurred Speech

Seizure

Loss of Consciousness



Act

When in doubt, call 911

Give water to drink, cool with water, ice, or a fan Stay with the individual until help arrives Remove unnecessary clothing and move to a cooler area