

Wakati kunapoanza kuwa na hali ya joto jingi nje, kuna hatua muhimu unazoweza kuchukua ili kujiweka salama wewe, pamoja na marafiki na familia yako.

**Kamwe usiwaache watoto, watu wenye ulemavu, au wanyama uwapendao ndani ya gari lililoegeshwa wakati kuna hali ya joto jingi.**

### Punguza Joto Mwilini

- Kaa kwenye kivuli, katika kiyoyozi iwapo unaweza, au katika maeneo baridi kama vile sehemu ya chini ya nyumba.
- Vaa nguo nyepesi, za rangi nyepesi, zisizo bana mwili.
- Oga ukitumia maji baridi.
- Tumia feni, lakini usiitegemee kama njia pekee ya kupunguza joto mwilini.

### Kunywa Maji ya Kutosha

- Kunywa maji mengi kuliko kawaida, hasa ikiwa unafanya mazoezi au unafanya shughuli za nje.
- Chukua hatua mapema, usingoje mpaka upate kiu ndipo unywe maji.
- Usinywe vileo na vinywaji vyenye kafeini.

### Endelea kupata taarifa

- Fuatilia ripoti za hali ya hewa na habari katika eneo ulipo.
- Jisajili ili upate taarifa za hali ya hewa kwenye [vtalert.gov](http://vtalert.gov).
- Angalia mitandao ya kijamii ya Idara ya Afya na Usimamizi wa Dharura wa Vermont.

### Sikiliza Mwili Wako

- Usiwe na wasiwasi kukiwa na hali ya joto.
- Punguza shughuli za nje na fanya mazoezi na yawe nyakati za siku wakati kumepoa.
- Ombo msaada iwapo utajisikia kuumwa.
- Acha kile unachofanya ikiwa unajihisi kutaka kuzimia au mdhaifu.
- Kuwa mwangalifu zaidi ikiwa una hali ya kiafya iliyodumu siku nyingi.

### Usiache Kuwasiliana na Wengine

- Wapigie simu wapendwa wako na majirani zako kuwalulia hali, hasa ikiwa wao ni wazee au wana hali za kiafya zilizodumu siku nyingi.
- Hakikisha kuwa wao wanakunywa maji ya kutosha na wanapunguza joto mwilini.
- Wakumbushe waipe hali ya joto uzito unaostahili.

### Punguza Joto Nyumbani Mwako

- Funga pazia iliuzuie juu.
- Funga madirisha wakati wa mchana wakati nje kuna joto zaidi kuliko ndani.
- Fungua madirisha usiku wakati nje kuna hali ya baridi kuliko ndani.

- Tumia feni ili kuleta hewa baridi zaidi ya nje au kutoa hewa yenye joto zaidi ya ndani.
- Punguza matumizi ya stovu, oveni na vifaa vingine vinavyosababisha joto.

## Tambua Ishara na Dalili za Kuumwa zinazosababishwa na Joto

### **Uchovu kutokana na Joto**

Ishara na Dalili

- Kuhisi kutaka kuzimia au kizunguzungu
- Kutoka jasho kupita kiasi
- Ngozi baridi, iliyopauka, nyevunyevu
- Kichefuchefu au kutapika
- Moyo dhaifu unaopiga kwa haraka
- Kukakamaa kwa misuli

Unachotakiwa kufanya:

- Kunywa maji.
- Jaribu kupunguza joto mwilini kwa kukaa eneo lenye kivuli, kwenda mahali baridi, penye kiyoyozi, kuoga maji baridi au kukanda kwa barafu.
- Piga simu 9-1-1 ikiwa dalili hizi zitazidi kuwa mbaya au zitaendelea baada ya kunywa maji na kujaribu kupunguza joto mwilini.

### **Kiharusi cha Joto**

Ishara na Dalili

- Kuumwa na kichwa
- Kutotoka jasho
- Hali ya joto inayo zidi 103°F
- Ngozi kuwa nyekundu, moto, kavu
- Kichefuchefu au kutapika
- Moyo dhaifu unaopiga kwa haraka
- Mtu anaweza kupoteza fahamu au kuonyesha ishara za kuchanganyikiwa

Unachotakiwa kufanya:

- Piga simu 9-1-1.
- Chukua hatua za mara moja kupunguza joto la mtu huyu mpaka msaada utakapofika.

## Stay Safe When It's Hot Outside

When it starts to get hot outside, there are important steps you can take to keep yourself and your friends and family safe.

**Never leave children, people with disabilities, or pets inside a parked vehicle when it's hot.**

### Stay Cool

- Stay in the shade, in air-conditioning if you can, or in cool places such as basements.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Take cool showers.
- Use fans, but don't rely on them as the only way to stay cool.

### Stay Hydrated

- Drink more water than usual, especially if you are exercising or being active outdoors.
- Be proactive, don't wait until you are thirsty to drink water.
- Don't drink alcoholic and caffeinated beverages.

### Stay Informed

- Follow local weather and news reports.
- Sign up to for weather alerts at [vtalert.gov](http://vtalert.gov).
- Check Health Department and Vermont Emergency Management social media.

### Listen to Your Body

- Take it easy when it's hot.
- Reduce outdoor work and exercise and limit it to the cooler parts of the day.
- Ask for help if you feel sick.
- Stop what you are doing if you feel faint or weak.
- Be more cautious if you have a chronic health condition.

### Don't Be a Stranger

- Call your loved ones and neighbors to check on them, especially if they are older or have chronic health conditions.
- Make sure they are drinking enough water and staying cool.
- Remind them to take heat seriously.

### Cool Your Home

- Draw shades to keep out the sun.
- Close windows during the day when it's hotter outside than inside.
- Open windows at night when it's cooler outside than inside.
- Use fans to blow in cooler outside air or vent out warmer inside air.
- Limit use of the stove, oven and other heat-generating appliances.

## Know the Signs and Symptoms of Heat Illness

### Heat Exhaustion

#### Signs and Symptoms

- Faint or dizzy
- Excessive sweating
- Cool, pale, clammy skin
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Muscle cramps

#### What to do:

- Drink water.
- Try to cool down by getting to a shaded area, getting to a cooler, air-conditioned place, taking a cool shower, or using a cold compress.
- Call 9-1-1 if these symptoms worsen or continue after drinking water and trying to cool down.

### Heat Stroke

#### Signs and Symptoms

- Throbbing headache
- No sweating
- Temperature above 103°F
- Red, hot, dry skin
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, weak pulse
- May lose consciousness or signs of confusion

#### What to do:

- Call 9-1-1.
- Take immediate action to cool the person down until help arrives.