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| NSW Health | Beat the Heat newsletter copy |
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### Newsletter copy (general population)

**Heading:** Have a plan to beat the heat

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This summer is predicted to be very hot. With hot weather coming, it's important to be prepared. Talk to your relatives, neighbours and friends. Have a heat plan in place to help protect you and your loved ones during the summer months.

NSW Health has tips to help you prepare and stay healthy in the heat.

* **Understand your health.** Your health can be affected during a heatwave, especially if you have a medical condition. Speak to your doctor and have a plan for heatwaves.
* **Know your medications.** Many prescribed medications can make the risk of heat-related illness worse and most need to be stored below 25 degrees Celsius. Talk to your GP or pharmacist about correct storage temperatures.
* **Prepare your home.** Check fridges, freezers, fans and air-conditioners work properly and put together a small emergency kit in case of a power failure.
* **Keep track of the weather**. Regularly check the weather forecast to monitor the heat.
* **Have a heatwave preparation checklist.** Consider who to call if you need help, where to find your emergency kit and being prepared for bushfires.
* **Keep in touch.** Think about friends and family who may need your help in the heat. Older people and babies and children 0-5 are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illness.

For more information on preparing for heat and staying cool and hydrated when it is hot, visit [NSW Health – Beat the Heat.](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/beattheheat/Pages/default.aspx)

### Newsletter copy (Parents and carers)

**Heading:** Have a plan to keep your family safe in summer

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* **Keep track of the weather**. Regularly check the weather forecast to monitor the heat.
* **Know the sign of heat-related illness in children. Children can dehydrate quickly in hot weather. Offer babies under 6 months more frequent breast or bottle feeds, and for older children, offer water frequently.**
* **Have a heatwave preparation checklist.** Consider who to call if you need help, where to find your emergency kit and being prepared for bushfires.

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### Newsletter copy (Older people)

**Heading:** Preparing for a hot summer

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