HEAT INJURY PREVENTION

The summer season can be an enjoyable time of the year. It is also a time when the potential for heat injuries increases. Heat injuries are preventable. By following these simple recommendations, it will decrease your susceptibility to them.

HEAT INJURY PREVENTION

- Drink plenty of water
- Avoid heavy meals at lunch time
- Maintain a well balanced diet
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Use sunscreen if necessary with Sun Protection Factor (SFP) 15 or greater.

HEAT INJURY PREVENTION

- Keep areas well ventilated
- Schedule outdoor activities during the cooler part of the day !!!!
- Use the buddy system
- Monitor those at risk
- Use common sense

SUNBURN PREVENTION

- Use sunscreen reapply frequently
- Moderation avoid extended exposure during peak hours (1000-1600)
- Avoid repeated exposure
- Seek medical care in case of severe sunburn



CAUSE Skin irritation caused by excessive sweating in a hot humid environment

SYMPTOMS

Appears as a cluster of pimples or small blisters neck, groin area; under breasts & arms; and skin creases

TREATMENT

Baby powder with corn starch Cool shower - avoid lotions - change clothes frequently



CAUSE Excessive loss of salt from the body

SYMPTOMS Painful cramps of the major muscle groups (arms, legs, or stomach)

TREATMENT Provide cool water - shade - monitor

HEAT EXHAUSTION

CAUSE

Excessive loss of salt and water in the body

SYMPTOMS

Profuse sweating - headache - paleness - weakness nausea - cool moist skin - tingling sensation in extremities

TREATMENT

Provide water - shade - elevate feet - monitor seek medical attention immediately

HEAT STROKE

CAUSE

The body's heat regulatory mechanism stops

SYMPTOMS

Headache - dizziness - delirium - weakness - nausea red, hot skin - unconsciousness

TREATMENT

MEDICAL EMERGENCY!!

cool shaded area - soak clothing and fan - elevate feet massage extremities – Call Ambulance