

#### Five easy ways to keep your home **COOL** in a heatwave



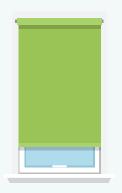


**Turn** off nonessential lights and electrical equipment – they generate heat





Put a bowl of ice cubes in front of a fan to create a cool breeze inside





Close curtains and blinds in the day to block out the heat of the sun





If possible, move into a cooler room, especially for sleeping





Eat cold meals like salad so that your kitchen stays cool



### Five easy ways to keep out of the **SUN** during a heatwave





Reschedule travel, sports and chores to early morning



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**Spend** the day in cool buildings (libraries, cinemas, shopping centres)



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Wear lightweight, loose clothing to protect your skin and allow it to breathe



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**Never** leave children or pets in cars



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If you are **outside,** stay in the shade, wear a hat and drink plenty of water



#### Five easy ways to keep **COOL** and hydrated during a heatwave





Drink plenty of **water** (tap water is safe to drink)





**Avoid** caffeine, sugary drinks and alcohol as they dehydrate you





Remove warm clothing and place a wet tea towel around your neck



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Fill a sock
with rice and
freeze it to
make your
own cool
pack



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Spray your skin with water and eat water-rich foods like raw fruit and vegetables



### Five easy ways to **help** others during a heatwave





Check on elderly or sick neighbours, family or friends every day during a heatwave







**Never** leave children or pets in cars





Place ice cubes in your pet's water bowl





Do a **first aid**course so you
can easily
identify and treat
heat illnesses
in others





For lifethreatening emergencies, call 000



### Five easy ways to get **help** during a heatwave





Make a list of emergency contact numbers and keep it on your fridge





NURSE-ON-CALL provides free 24-hour health advice in your language. Free call 1300 60 60 24





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For people with hearing or speech impairments, call 106 for a text emergency call





Know the cool places in your neighbourhood where you can get relief from the heat (e.g. libraries, community centres, shopping centres, cinemas)