

# HEAT WAVE, VERY HIGH TEMPERATURES

TIPS TO HELP YOU COPE





### During a heat wave your health is at risk, what are the warning signs?







**Cramps** 

**Unusual tiredness** 

**Headaches** 



Fever > 38°C



Dizziness/Nausea



Speaking incoherently

If you see someone who is unwell, dial 15.

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Anyone over the age of 60 or with a handicap, is entitled to personalised support. You simply need to contact your mairie (town hall) or the CCAS (Centre Communal d'Action Sociale - Centre for Social Action).

## During a heat wave

## What should you do or avoid doing?



DRINK WATER REGULARLY



Moisten your skin with water and use a fan



Ensure you eat sufficiently



Avoid strenuous activities



Avoid drinking alcohol



Keep your home cool: keep the shutters closed during the day



Keep in touch with friends and family

#### **WARNING!**

You are particularly at risk if you are pregnant, have a baby or are a senior. If you are taking any medication: ask the advice of your doctor or your pharmacist.

# What is a heat wave?

Your health may be in danger when:



The weather is very hot.



The temperature doesn't drop, or drops very little, at night.



It lasts for 3 days or longer.

# IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, DIAL 15

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 0 800 06 66 66 (free)

www.meteo.fr to check the weather forecast and vigilance maps

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