# Heat-related illnesses and their management

| Diseases                    | Symptoms  | Management   |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Heatstroke                  | High fever (>40°C)     Dry and hot skin     May lead to loss of consciousness     Inadequate prompt treatment can result in death | Call 119 (emergency services)     Move to a cool place     Lower body temperature     Do not consume fluids if unconscious |
| Heat exhaustion             | Profuse sweating (≤40°C)     Weakness and extreme fatigue     Pallor, muscle cramps   | Move to a cool place     Rehydrate     Shower with cool water  |
| Heat                        | · Muscle cramps   | Move to a cool place     Rehydrate     Muscle massage  |
| Heat syncope                | Dizziness     Temporary loss of consciousness   | Move to a cool place<br>(elevate legs higher<br>than head)     If able to communicate,<br>consume fluids                   |
| Heat                        | · Swelling of hands, feet, or ankles  | · Move to a cool place<br>(elevate swollen area<br>higher than heart)  |
| Heat rash<br>(Prickly heat) | Multiple red pimples or<br>blisters   | Keep affected area cool<br>and dry     Use rash ointment, if<br>needed   |
| Sunburn                     | · Red and burning skin<br>· Skin blisters   | Apply a cool, damp cloth or take a cold bath for sunburn     Use moisturizing cream     Do not puncture blisters           |

## 119 Heatwave Response Team

119 Heatwave Response Team Things you need to know!









Cooling vests

Ice packs Thermometers

Salt

- Within the 119 Heatwave Response Team, there are nine types of heatwave response equipment available, including cooling vests, ice packs, thermometers, oral rehydration solution, salt, water spray, and more.
- The response team and ambulance crew have received theoretical and practical training to enhance their emergency response capabilities.
- To lower elevated body temperatures, the air conditioning performance of 119 response vehicles has been checked.
- Continuous monitoring of weather information, including heatwave warnings, allows for flexible loading and storage of the necessary items.



Please note that these action guidelines are based on general situations for each disaster type and may vary in specific circumstances.

Safety is enhanced when following these guidelines together with others.

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Citizens' Action Guidelines by Disaster Type

# Heatwave (Heatstroke)





### **Incident Cases**

#### Construction Site Worker Dies of Heatstroke

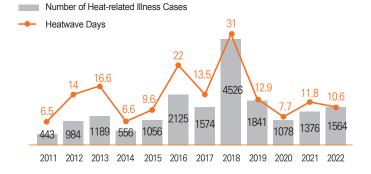
| Date                | July 15, 2022, around 4:00 PM                     |
|---------------------|---|
| Casualties          | A worker in his 50s died                          |
| Incident<br>Summary | Suffered cardiac arrest during a break after work |

# • Elderly Individual Suffers Heat Exhaustion and High Fever While Working in a Field

| Date                 | July 3, 2022, around 1:00 PM  |
|----------------------|---|
| Casualties           | An elderly person in his 80s was transported to the hospital                        |
| Incident<br>Overview | Heat exhaustion occurred after working continuously in the field for over two hours |

## **Current Status and Major Causes**

# Nationwide Heatwave Days and Heat-related Illnesses (Last 10 Years, 2011-2022)



 In 2022, out of 1,564 heat-related illness cases, 22% (353 cases) occurred in Gyeonggi Province.

#### Major Causes of Heat-related Illness

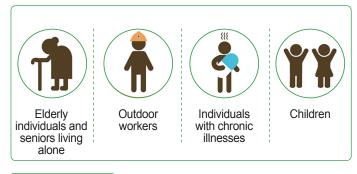
- Prolonged exposure to high temperatures and increased body temperature due to physical activities (exercise, outdoor work, etc.) during heatwaves.
- Prolonged exposure in environments with poor ventilation and no air conditioning (such as plastic greenhouses and vehicles) during heatwaves.

## **Heatwave Classification and Criteria**

| Classification       | Criteria   |
|----------------------|--|
| Heatwave<br>Advisory | When the daily highest apparent temperature is expected to be 33°C or higher for two or more consecutive days. |
| Heatwave<br>Warning  | When the daily highest apparent temperature is expected to be 35°C or higher for two or more consecutive days. |

# High-Risk Groups and Risky Locations During a Heatwave

#### **High-Risk Groups**



#### **Risky Locations**







Outdoor workplaces

Inside vehicles

# Citizen Guidelines During a Heatwave



 Continuously monitor hot weather conditions through TV, the internet, radio, and other sources.



**2. Drink plenty of water** rather than alcohol or caffeinated beverages.



 Avoid outdoor activities or work during the hottest hours, typically from 2 PM to 5 PM.



- 4. When using cooling devices, maintain an indoor-outdoor temperature difference of around 5°C to prevent air conditioning sickness.
- ※ Recommended indoor temperature during the summer: 26~28℃



5. If you experience symptoms like dizziness, nausea, or headaches, take a break in a cool place.



6. Ventilate enclosed spaces like barns or plastic greenhouses and use water to lower the temperature.



7. For the safety of children and the elderly, check on their well-being regularly.