Working in heat Tips for workers



Ways to stay safe



- √ Hydrate well before starting work.
- √ Drink at least 200ml of cool water every 15–20 minutes.
- √ Avoid caffeine, soft drinks and alcohol.
- √ Eat regular meals and snacks.



- √ Follow instructions and wear cooling clothing, if required.
- √ Wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen if working outdoors.



- ✓ Make sure you're fit and able to do the work.
- √ Tell your employer about any medical conditions that could make you vulnerable to heat.



- √ Take regular breaks, ideally somewhere air-conditioned or well-ventilated.
- √ Carry water and drinks in an esky with ice. Regularly dip a small towel into the icy water and apply to your face, neck and skin.



Call triple zero (000) and ask for an ambulance if anyone shows signs of heat stroke:

- Feeling faint
- Confused
- Can't drink

- Seizure
- Body temperature 40 °C

