# HOW CAN EXTREME HEAT IMPACT HEALTH?

Extreme heat leads to illnesses such as dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

#### **BRAIN**

- Worsens mental health problems
- Increases aggression and violence
- Increases likelihood of strokes

#### **HEART**

 Increases heart attacks and other heart-related illnesses

#### **LUNGS**

 Increases asthma attacks and other breathing-related illnesses

### **KIDNEYS**

 Increases kidney failure and other kidney-related illnesses

## Reduce your risk of heat-related illness:

- Speak to your health care provider about your personal risk factors and plan accordingly.
- Monitor the weather for periods of extreme heat or high heat index.
- If you begin to feel dizzy, weak, nauseous or faint, seek medical advice immediately.

#### **PREGNANCY**

- Increases premature births
- Increases likelihood of low birth weight, heart defects, and infant death



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