

# Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

**Disclaimer:** This handout provides a general overview of a selected first aid topic. Consult your doctor for personal medical advice, diagnoses, and treatment.

# **Heat Exhaustion:**

- Move to shady/air-conditioned area 1.
- 2. Lay person down and slightly elevate legs and feet
- 3. Loosen all tight clothing
- Have person drink cool water 4.
- 5. Cool person with water and fanning
- 6. If conditions do not improve or if they worsen, seek medical attention

## Symptoms:

- Light-headed and dizzy
- Nauseous
- Heavy sweating •
- Pale appearance
- Rapid, weak heartbeat Low blood pressure •
- Cool, moisť skin •
- Low fever

### **Heat Stroke:**

- Seek medical attention immediately 1.
- 2. Move person to shady/air-conditioned area
- 3. Loosen all tight clothing
- 4. Cool person with water and fanning

### Symptoms:

- Skin hot and dry
- Fever
- Frequent vomiting
- Confused
- Irritable
- Fainting or unconscious
- Seizures or coma
- Rapid heartbeat
- Rapid and shallow breathing