Heat Safety



AREAS OF THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE SEEN A TEMPERATURE RISE

- The United States has experienced a rise in temperature overall. More specifically in the North, West, and Alaska, while some parts of the Southeast has seen little change.
- 2016 is considered the warmest year on record with 2020 being considered the second warmest. 2012-2021 haas also been named the warmest decade on record!
- However, rising temperatures across the country have caused some of the hottest days recorded in human history!

IMPACTS OF THE RISE IN TEMPERATURES



- More frequent wildfires
- Longer periods of drought in some regions
- Increase in wind intensity and rainfall from tropical cyclones
- U.S. sea levels are likely to continue rising
- Hurricanes will become stronger and more intense
- Frost-free season will lengthen

HOW TO KEEP YOURSELF SAFE IN THIS CLIMATE

- Understand that increases in air temperature can lead to more intense heat waves, it is important to stay inside to minimize illness
- Make sure to drink enough water and stay in air conditioning if possible
- Limit out door activity, especially midday when the sun is the hottest
- Wear loose-fitting clothing
- Check the local news for safety updates
- Take cold showers or baths to cool down



Sources

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