

## HEAT HEALTH POLICY

### Introduction & Scope

This policy will apply to situations where the personal health and safety of participants, staff, volunteers and contractors involved in Maldon Neighbourhood Centre activities may be put at risk due to weather conditions of extreme heat.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the risk of harm during Maldon Neighbourhood Centre activities due to exposure to extreme heat.

### Definition

Extreme heat or heatwave is a period of unusual and uncomfortable hot weather that could negatively affect human health.

### Policy

The Maldon Neighbourhood Centre's Heat Health policy is:

- To communicate forecasted extreme heat weather events to the community via social media
- To cancel MNC outdoor activities when the forecast temperature is 38°C or over for the period of the activity.
- To maintain a cool indoor temperature during extreme heat weather events

Note: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre will be closed and activities cancelled on a day of Code Red fire danger regardless of the temperature.

### Responsibilities

Participants are encouraged to take responsibility for being aware of forecasted temperatures.

Participants will be contacted by the Coordinator when an activity is cancelled.

### Related Policies

Code Red Fire Danger Rating Policy