How does impact heat in Hawai'i?

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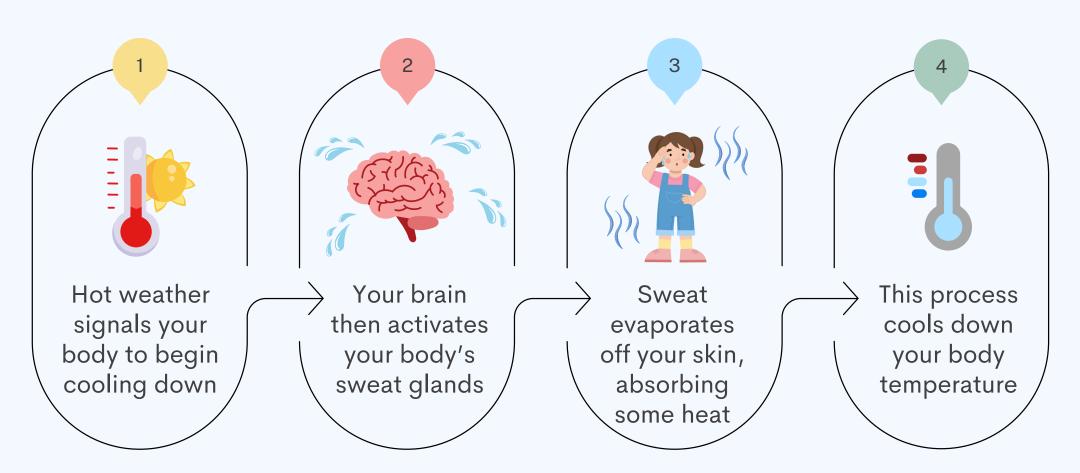
Hawai'i and HUMIDITY

Humidity isn't just uncomfortable — it can also be dangerous.

Although Hawai'i has never passed 100°F, the moisture from the Pacific Ocean causes the islands to have some of the highest average annual relative humidity in the U.S.

Swipe to learn why this matters for your health and safety!

How does the body COOL itself down?



Sweat! As sweat evaporates from your skin, it absorbs some heat and lowers your body temperature in the process.

How does HUMIDITY affect your health?

High humidity means the air is full of water vapor, leaving little room in the air for your sweat to evaporate into.

This slows your body's cooling process and raises your risk of heat-related illness.

It is also why you feel sweatier and hotter during humid days!





Use fans, A/C spaces, or keep cool in shade



Check on vulnerable neighbors



Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing



Drink plenty of water



Stay out of the sun when humidity is high

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