

Section 8 Reporter

We want to remind our clients how important it is to follow the rules of the Section 8 Program.

Please remember that **ANY** changes to **Family Composition** and **Income** must be reported to the Section 8 office in writing no later than 10 days after the change.



Summer has arrived!



Family Self Sufficiency Success!

Congratulations to Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher participant, **Veronica Marshall!** Veronica recently completed her GED and is planning to continue her education at Austin Community College.

To honor all of Veronica's hard work, she was awarded a \$40 booklet of Fabulous Finds Gift Certificates!

The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program is a voluntary program designed to assist individuals and families become economically independent and self sufficient.

If you would like to participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program, please contact the FSS Specialist, Steven Swierenga at 512-863-5565 X 4

Habitat for Humanity Home Ownership

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County's goal is to provide our partner families with both an affordable home and the tools they will need to succeed in owning their own home. Each partner family buys their new home from Habitat with a zero-interest home loan.

Habitat Home Application Meetings - If you are interested in owning your own home, you are invited to learn about Habitat Homes in a two hour seminar held twice each year. Attendance at one of the following 2009 summer meetings is required to receive an application for a Williamson County Habitat Home.

- **July 16** - First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - 410 E. University, Georgetown, Texas, 7pm
- **July 18** - First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - 410 E. University, Georgetown, Texas, 10am
- **July 14** - First United Methodist Church Bldg. 5, Rm 127 - 410 E. University, Georgetown, Texas, 7pm
- **July 18** - First United Methodist Church Bldg. 5, Rm 127 - 410 E. University, Georgetown, Texas, 2pm
- **July 15** - Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Rm 202 - 700 W. Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, Texas, 7pm
- **July 21 & 23** - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 2800 North Dr, Taylor, Texas, 7pm

Initial Criteria to be selected as a Habitat partner family include:

- A need for adequate housing
- Complete up to 500 volunteer hours with Habitat after selection
- The ability to make a monthly mortgage payment
- A current address in Williamson County and living or working in the county for the last year
- Not listed on the National Sex Offender Registry list
- Meet income limits based on family size and 2009 HUD Guidelines (\$15,400 - \$48,400)

Habitat for Humanity is pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. They encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or sources of income.

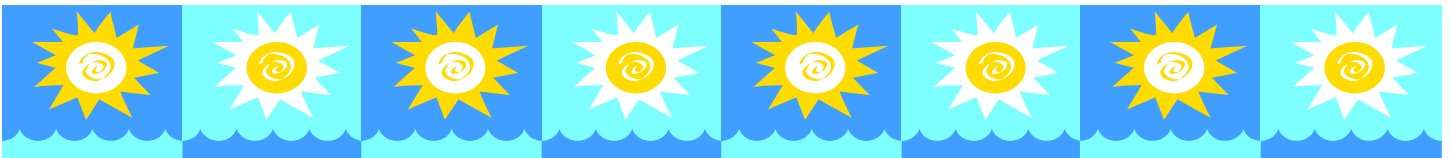
During the hot summer months, beware of heat stroke!

What are heat stroke symptoms? Symptoms of heat stroke can sometimes mimic those of [heart attack](#) or other conditions. Sometimes a person experiences symptoms of heat exhaustion before progressing to heat strokes. Symptoms of heat exhaustion may include nausea, vomiting, [fatigue](#), weakness, [headache](#), [muscle cramps](#) and aches, and [dizziness](#). However some individuals can develop symptoms of heat stroke suddenly and rapidly without warning. Different people may have different symptoms and signs of heat stroke. But common symptoms and signs of heat stroke include:

- high body temperature
- rapid pulse
- Confusion
- the absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin
- difficulty breathing
- agitation
- strange behavior
- disorientation
- hallucinations
- seizure
- coma

How do you treat a heat stroke victim? Victims of heat stroke must receive immediate treatment to avoid permanent organ damage. *First and foremost, cool the victim.* Get the victim to a shady area, remove clothing, apply cool or tepid water to the skin (for example you may spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose), fan the victim to promote sweating and evaporation, place ice packs under armpits and groins. Monitor body temperature with a [thermometer](#) and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102 degrees. Always notify emergency services (911) immediately. If their arrival is delayed, they can give you further instructions for treatment of the victim.

The most important measures to prevent heat strokes are to avoid becoming dehydrated, and to avoid vigorous physical activities in hot and humid weather. If you have to perform physical activities in hot weather, drink plenty of fluids (such as water and Gatorade), but avoid [alcohol](#), coffee, and tea which may lead to dehydration. Take frequent breaks to hydrate yourself. Wear hats, and light colored, and light and loose clothes.



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