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Stay Warm in Winter

Hypothermia-Related Deaths — Wisconsin, 2014, and United States, 2003-2013

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When frigid winter temperatures hit the U.S., the risk for unhealthy exposure to cold increases substantially. Hypothermia occurs when the core body temperature is less than 95 degrees. Initial symptoms include shivering and cool hands and feet. It can progress to confusion, loss of coordination, and even death. Older people and the homeless are at highest risk. Substance and alcohol abuse can hinder the body's ability to fight off the cold. To help prevent hypothermia and save lives, avoid alcohol, dress appropriately, and stay indoors.

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