# Your Health Your Life



**Atlantic County Division of Public Health** Newsletter Summer 2024

# Tips for a Healthy and Safe Summer

# Protect yourself from the sun & heat

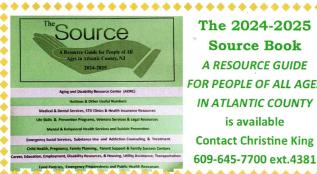
- Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 15 Reapply through-out the day
- Wear a hat and lightweight, light-colored, clothing
- Drink plenty of water and avoid sugary beverages
- Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible
- Use your stove and oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in your home
- Take a cool shower or bath to cool off

# Prevent tick and mosquito bites

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellent, wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants
- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk, which are peak mosquito biting times and avoid tick-infested areas such as tall grass and bushes
- Drain standing water to reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed

#### Vaccines for kids

- Schedule a check-up with your child's doctor
- Make sure your child is up to date on age-specific and routine vaccinations
- Talk to the doctor about your child's overall physical and mental health.



The 2024-2025 Source Book A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES IN ATLANTIC COUNTY is available **Contact Christine King** 609-645-7700 ext.4381

# **Prevent summertime injuries**

- Wear a helmet on bikes, scooters, skateboards. or anything else on wheels
- Follow safety signs on playgrounds and parks
- Travel smart: Bring a first aid kit, buckle your seatbelt, properly secure child seats, and never leave kids or pets in a hot car

#### Be safe in and around water

- Learn to swim: Be able to get a breath and float
- Swim in areas supervised by life guards
- Wear a life jacket near lakes, oceans, and rivers
- Be aware of ocean and river currents
- Avoid alcohol when boating, swimming, or using a hot tub

### Find ways to stay active

- Learn a sport with friends in the neighborhood
- Visit and explore the local parks
- Take a walk and count how many steps you take
- Get enough sleep each night and stick to it Rest is also a healthy part of an active routine



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