How Climate Change Affects Your Health

Rising Temperatures

- At least 37 states saw record high temperatures in the summer of 2010.

- 7,415 deaths were attributed to excessive natural heat from 1999 to 2010.

- 150,000 Americans could die before the end of this century due to excessive heat caused by climate change.

Urban Heat Island Effect

- More frequent heatwaves

Health Impacts

- Dehydration
- Heat stroke
- Aggravated cardiovascular illnesses
- Aggravated respiratory illnesses

Children, the elderly, and the poor are more vulnerable to heat-related illness.

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