

Is it Hot in Here?

Sudden feelings of warmth (especially over the face, neck and chest), red skin, and profuse sweating are classic signs of a hot flash.

Hot flashes are commonly experienced by women prior to, or in the early stages of menopause, a time in a woman's life when their menstrual period stops. Depending on the person, hot flashes may occur a few times a week or several times a day, lasting from about 30 seconds to a few minutes.

There are a variety of treatments for hot flashes, such as hormone therapy or other drug treatments. You should speak to your doctor if you are interested in these types of solutions. If your hot flashes are mild, you may be able to manage them with a few lifestyle changes on your own. Try the following tips:

Keep Cool

It only takes a small increase in your body's core temperature to trigger a hot flash. Lower the room temperature if you can or open up a window. Dress in layers so you can easily remove clothing when you feel too warm. Sip on a cold drink when you feel a hot flash coming on.



Watch What You Eat and Drink

Certain foods, such as hot and spicy dishes, caffeinated drinks, or alcohol can trigger a hot flash. Pay attention to your own triggers and avoid these foods or drinks in the future.

Relax

Some women find relief from hot flashes through yoga, meditation, relaxation or other stress-reducing techniques.

Don't Smoke

As if you need another reason to butt out. In addition to serious health conditions such as heart disease, cancer and stroke, smoking is linked to an increased frequency of hot flashes.

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