

## HYPOTHERMIA CHECK LIST PADDLERS & SUPPORT CREW

## Hypothermia warning signs:

- Slurred speech
- Weakness
- Disorientation
- Combative behaviour
- Shivering
- Increased breath rate

## Checklist for support paddlers:

Hypothermia is life-threatening, and swimmers and their support crew must understand the signs.

Ask your swimmer simple questions that you know the answer to in a random order every 30-60 minutes.

These could include:

- What's your address and telephone number?
- When is your birthday?
- What's your mother's maiden name?
- What is the make of your car?

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