

# New York heat wave kills four

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The heat wave that hit New York last week killed four elderly people, the office of the city's chief medical examiner (OCME)said Monday.

The four victims all succumbed to [hyperthermia](#), which occurs when a body absorbs more heat than it can release. Two women, 81 and 83, died of the condition on Saturday, a day after two men, aged 78 and 88, succumbed in similar circumstances.

The deaths came towards the end of a seven-day heat wave in which temperatures soared as high as 109 degrees Fahrenheit (42.7 Celsius).

The [heat wave](#) started to ease on Sunday and the peak temperature on Monday was a much more comfortable 80 Fahrenheit (27C).

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