

Be Safe! Be SunAWARE!

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Avoid unprotected exposure to sunlight, seek shade, and never indoor tan.

Wear sun protective clothing, including a long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses year-round.

Apply recommended amounts of BROAD SPECTRUM sunscreen with a sunburn protection factor (SPF) ≥ 30 to all exposed skin and reapply every two hours, or as needed.

Routinely examine your whole body for changes in your skin and report concerns to a parent or healthcare provider.

Educate your family and community about the need to be SunAWARE.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

- Use the UV Index everyday to plan sun protection, especially during peak hours from 10 am to 4 pm.
- Remember UV rays can penetrate clouds and reflect off water, snow, sand and pavement.
- Register for “EnviroFlash” at www.epa.gov for a daily UV index alert.
- Remember tanning is never healthy and does not provide a safe “base” tan.



- Cover up by wearing wide brimmed hats, sunglasses, long sleeves, pants, or protective clothing.
- Remember to look for the Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) on clothing and UV protection sticker on sunglasses.



- Apply a handful of BROAD SPECTRUM sunscreen to all exposed skin from head to toe.
- Read the label for “water resistant” claims that indicate how long a sunscreen is effective while swimming or perspiring.
- Remember not to apply sunscreen to broken skin.



- Check your skin regularly for signs of sun damage including freckles and moles.
- Remember that we are not born with freckles but develop them from overexposure to UV rays.
- Check your skin for moles. Make sure that they are similar in appearance, color and size. Look for changes and report anything suspicious to your parent.



- Everyone needs to know how to be safe from skin cancer.
- Go to www.melanomaprevention.org for more information, as well as free tools and resources to use in your own community.
- We are available to assist you with special projects and programming.



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