

A LOOK AT THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF SUNSCREENS

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ABSTRACT

Many health care professionals advise the use of sunscreen products to prevent skin damage caused by ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from sunshine. Given the continuing effort to promote sunscreen usage, there is a need to learn more about the effectiveness and safety of these products. The sun protection factor (SPF), which is used to determine sunscreen effectiveness, is a good way to evaluate UVB (290-320 nm) filters. The SPF test, on the other hand, does not properly evaluate sunscreens' entire photoprotective profile, particularly against long wavelength UVAI (340-400 nm). Furthermore, despite the immediate and apparent consumer demand for sunscreen products that offer broad-spectrum UVB and UVA photoprotection, there is no one, agreed-upon technique for assessing UVA effectiveness. The following list of widely used organic and inorganic sunscreens has good toxicological profiles based on acute, sub chronic, and chronic animal or human research. Furthermore, sunscreens have been proven to protect against the harmful effects of UVR exposure in the majority of investigations. As a result of this analysis of presently available evidence, it has been determined that sunscreen components or products do not pose a risk to human health. Furthermore, as part of a larger plan to decrease UVR exposure, frequent use of suitable broad-spectrum sunscreen products may have a substantial and positive effect on public health.

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