



# SAY YES TO SUN PROTECTION SAY NO TO SKIN CANCER

SKIN CANCER IS THE MOST  
COMMON CANCER IN THE U.S.

**ONE** in **FIVE** Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and one person dies from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, every hour.



## THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF SUNSCREENS:

Since exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays is the most preventable risk factor for skin cancer, protect your skin by:



- **SEEKING SHADE**
- **WEARING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**
- **GENEROUSLY APPLYING SUNSCREEN**



### PHYSICAL SUNSCREEN

This sunscreen **WORKS LIKE A SHIELD**; it sits on the surface of your skin, deflecting the sun's rays.

Look for the active ingredients **ZINC OXIDE** and/or **TITANIUM DIOXIDE**.

Opt for this sunscreen if you have **SENSITIVE SKIN**.



### CHEMICAL SUNSCREEN

This sunscreen **WORKS AS A SPONGE**, absorbing the sun's rays.

Look for one or more of the following active ingredients: **OXYBENZONE**, **AVOBENZONE**, **OCTISALATE**, **OCTOCRYLENE**, **HOMOSALATE** and **OCTINOXATE**.

This formulation tends to be **EASIER TO RUB INTO** the skin without leaving a white residue.



If you have concerns about certain sunscreen ingredients, use the information above to choose an alternative that works for you. As long as it's **BROAD-SPECTRUM**, **WATER-RESISTANT** and has an **SPF 30 OR HIGHER**, it can effectively protect you from the sun. Make sure you reapply it every **TWO HOURS**, or after swimming or sweating.



If you have questions about how to protect your skin or choose a sunscreen, talk to a board-certified dermatologist or learn more at [SpotSkinCancer.org](http://SpotSkinCancer.org).