

Resource 6: All-Ages Sun Safety Information

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Babies age <6 months	Avoid sun exposure, dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn.
	When adequate clothing and shade are not available, a minimal amount of sunscreen with ≥15 SPF (sun protection factor) can be applied to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands.
	If an infant gets sunburned, apply cold compresses to affected area.
Children age ≥6 months, adults	The first and best line of defense against the sun is covering up. Hat with a three-inch brim or bill facing forward, sunglasses that block 99–100% of ultraviolet rays, cotton clothing with a tight weave
	Stay in shade whenever possible and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours (between 10 AM and 4 PM)
	On both sunny and cloudy days, use a sunscreen with an SPF ≥15 that protects against UVB and UVA rays.
	Apply enough sunscreen, about 1 oz (approx. 30 mL) per sitting for the older child and adult.
	Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
	Use extra caution near water, sand, and snow, as these reflect UV rays and can result in sunburn more quickly.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, Summer Safety Tips, available at https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/pages/sun-and-water-safety-tips.aspx

