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.

THE U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS IN THESE SUNSCREENS AS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.



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 when outdoors, 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.