

HOW TO SELECT A SUNSCREEN

Choosing the right sunscreen can help reduce the risk of skin cancer and early skin aging caused by the sun.

SUNSCREEN IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL

in the fight against skin cancer, including melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

1 in 5

Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.



The American Academy of Dermatology recommends choosing a sunscreen that states the following on the label:



BROAD SPECTRUM

This means a sunscreen protects the skin from ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, both of which can cause skin cancer.

SPF 30 OR HIGHER

This indicates how well a sunscreen protects you from sunburn.

WATER RESISTANT

While sunscreens can be "water resistant" (for 40 minutes) or "very water resistant" (for 80 minutes), sunscreens are not waterproof or sweatproof and need to be reapplied.



Most adults need about one ounce of sunscreen, ENOUGH TO FILL A SHOT GLASS, to fully cover their body.



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