Be SunSmart

Being SunSmart is about protecting skin and eyes from damaging UV radiation – especially when outdoors from September to April.

**Slip** on a shirt
Slip on a shirt with long sleeves. Fabrics with a tighter weave and darker colours will give you better protection from the sun.

**Slip** into the shade
Slip into the shade of an umbrella or a leafy tree. Plan your outdoor activities for early or later in the day when the sun’s UV levels are lower.

**Slop** on sunscreen
Slop on plenty of broad spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 30. Apply 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours and especially after being in water or sweating.

**Slap** on a hat
With a wide brim or a cap with flaps. More people are sunburnt on the face and neck than any other part of the body.

**Wrap** on sunglasses
Choose close fitting, wrap around style sunglasses. Not all sunglasses protect against UV radiation, so always check the label for sun protection rating.
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Protect your skin and eyes by using the SunSmart steps.

- Close fitting wrap around sunglasses protect your eyes from UV radiation.
- Wide brim hats protect the face, neck and ears.

- Half a teaspoon of sunscreen to:
  - Face
  - Ears
  - Neck

- 1 teaspoon of sunscreen to:
  - Arm
  - Leg

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