Your guide to being sun safe

Learn about adding self-exams and sunscreens to your routine
Important facts about skin cancer

There are two types of skin cancer—melanoma and non-melanoma. Non-melanoma skin cancer is more common and develops slowly in the upper layers of skin. Melanoma, the more aggressive type, affects cells that give skin its color.

200,000+
new cases of melanoma
expected in the US
every year*

Skin cancers can affect anyone, no matter their ethnicity or skin color

Although the risk of skin cancer is lower for people of color, when found, it tends to be at a more advanced stage.

The good news is you can take steps to protect yourself—including a monthly self-exam.

When skin cancer is detected early, survival rates can be almost 100%.*
Skin cancer: what to look for

- New or changing moles
- A clear, red, brown, or black growth that gets larger
- Any growth that bleeds or itches
- Open sores, scabs, or pimples that don’t go away

ABCDEs of melanoma

A - ASYMMETRY (uneven shape)
Two sides don’t match

B - BORDER (ragged edges)
Borders are uneven

C - COLOR
Two or more colors

D - DIAMETER (size)
Larger than ¼ inch

E - EVOLVING (changing)
Changing in size, shape, color, or symptoms
Self-exam preparation and tips

What you will need:

- A full-length mirror and hand mirror
- A brightly lit room
- A smartphone or paper to take notes
- A blow dryer or a comb if you need help parting your hair

Tips

Do your self-exam before or after a shower. Or while changing your clothes.

Take pictures of anything that looks unusual and keep a record of your spots.

Stay on track with your self-exam routine—sign up for email reminders at SkinSelfExam.com/reminders.
It’s a full body check. Simple as that.

Pick a convenient time for your monthly check. It shouldn’t take more than about 10 minutes.

1. Check your scalp.
2. Look at your nose, lips, cheeks, and ears with a mirror.
3. Look at your upper back. You’ll need two mirrors.
4. Focus on your neck, chest, and torso with two mirrors.
5. Give your hands, fingers, forearms, upper arms, and armpits a good scan.
6. Check your lower back, buttocks, and genital area.
7. Closely look at your legs and feet. Don’t forget to look between your toes and the soles of your feet.

If something doesn’t look right, please talk to your doctor.

Watch our self-exam video and learn more about skin cancer at SkinSelfExam.com.

These self-exams are not meant to diagnose or replace visits with your doctor.
Overexposure to the sun is bad news

The sun exposes you to two types of UV rays: UVB and UVA. Both can play a part in skin cancer formation, premature aging, and other forms of skin damage.

Look for broad spectrum sunscreens that offer both UVB and UVA protection. For the best protection against sunburn, use SPF 30 or higher.

Partnering together, Neutrogena® and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, through CHOOSE SKIN HEALTH®, encourage the public to choose healthy sun safe behaviors. Many ASDS members provide free skin cancer screenings. Learn more at asds.net.
Sun safe checklist

• The best sunscreen is the one you will use every day. Keep it where you’ll remember to apply regularly, like near your toothbrush or keys.

• Apply a generous amount of your broad spectrum SPF 30 (or higher) sunscreen every day. Reapply every 2 hours or more frequently, especially after exercise.

• Wear a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, long sleeves, and pants for additional protection.

*Statistics from Neutrogena® research, 2021.
What’s new
Fend off harmful rays and signs of aging skin. Neutrogena® Ultra Sheer Mineral Face & Body Stick protects skin with broad spectrum SPF 50.

Sunscreens for everyone
Available as lotions, sprays, sticks, and serums. Explore neutrogena.com/sun to choose what’s best for you.

Additional protection
Use a daily moisturizer and makeup with SPF to keep you covered throughout the day.