

Be Sun Smart

Skin Cancer is a killer, and it's on the increase. Learn how to protect your children.

1. Keep babies under one year old out of direct sunlight. Newborns should be protected by keeping them in a covered stroller, cradle, or under a sun umbrella. Toddlers and older children can play in the sun provided the following precautions are taken.

2. Apply a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher to all areas which are exposed to the sun, paying particular attention to your child's ears, nose and upper foot area. Reapply often, particularly after swimming. Do not use a sunscreen on babies under six months of age.

3. Cover your child with a sunhat, T-shirt, and shorts whenever he/she is in direct sunlight, and always between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. A sunscreen provides relative, not absolute protection. Shoulders, knees and noses can burn even when sunscreen has been applied.

4. Pay attention to reflected light, particularly that reflected off water. Little sailors often suffer serious sunburns due to the intensity of reflected light.

5. Remember that cloudy days can often cause serious sunburns. Up to 80 percent of the sun's harmful rays can penetrate haze, light clouds and fog.

6. If your child is on medication, be sure to check with your doctor before allowing him/her out in the sun. Adverse reaction to sunlight characterized by a rash, redness or swelling can be a side effect of various medications.

7. It's never too early to protect your child against skin cancer. One bad burn during childhood can double a child's



WANAKAMIK - Mr. Michael Michel Wanakamik, 63 years, of Pays Plat, Ontario passed away Wednesday, April 17, 1991 at McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay. Mr. Wanakamik enjoyed the out of doors, hunting, fishing and acting as guide. Predeceased by his parents - Margaret and Fred Wanakamik, by his wife Edna (nee Mushquash), by one brother Albert Wilson; he is survived by one son Rene Wanakamik and by one daughter Ida Wanakamik both of Pays Plat, Ontario, by three grandchildren - Louise and Brandon Wanakamik Cheyenne Gray, by one sister Kathleen Esquib of Thunder Bay and by two brothers - Joe Wilson of Armstrong, Ontario and Robert Wilson of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Numerous other relatives also survive. Funeral services handled by the Elliott Funeral Home Ltd., Nipigon were held on Monday, April 22, 1991 at 11 a.m. at the Community Hall in Pays Plat with Father L. Kroker of St. Anne's Parish, Fort William Reserve, officiating. Pallbearers were: Keith Mahoney, Ron Lanigan, John Bouchard, Terry Bouchard, D. Peter Mushquash, James Douglas Wesley, Frances Goodchild, Douglas Moses and Nick Bouchard. Honourary Pallbearers were: David Mushquash and Simon Moses.

risk of developing skin cancer later on in life. Your child will only have one chance at a healthy skin beginning at birth. Just as your would protect your child from poisons, traffic and other dangers, you should protect him/her from skin cancer and

other disorders resulting from sun exposure.

8. Applying a good sunscreen (a sun protection factor - SPF - of 15 is minimum) EVERY DAY is important and as necessary as brushing the teeth. Sun protection should be strictly supervised, for forgetting to protect the skin - particularly on a sunny day - can have serious consequences. As a parent you have a RESPONSIBILITY to minimize your child's risk of skin cancer. Please take it.

9. Here are some other factors you should keep in mind when protecting your child from the sun:

- Sheer clothing will allow the sun's rays to pass through. Protect underlying skin with an appropriate sunscreen.

- Be particularly vigilant if your child has Fair skin or red or blond hair. These children are most at risk for developing skin cancer as young adults.

- Never use baby oil as a sunscreen. The oil will intensify the effect of the sun and cause your child to burn faster.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY

The Township of Terrace Bay is now looking for volunteers to fill two vacancies on the Recreation Committee. To fill one of the present vacancies, the successful person must be age 50 or over. This is a unique opportunity for individuals who are willing to contribute to the development of Municipal Recreation Policies, Programs and Facilities.

Applicants should submit a letter by Friday, May 3rd, 1991 to:

P.O. Box 40
Terrace Bay, Ontario
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For more information contact Dean Main at the Recreation Office at 825-3542.

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