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Working Together to Improve Health

A Guide for the Public and Tanning Facility Owners

USE OF TANNING DEVICES BY MINORS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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*Using Environmental Health Information
to Improve Maryland's Health*

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Improving Maryland's Health

Since October 1, 2008, tanning facilities may not allow minors to use tanning equipment without the signed consent of the minor's parent or guardian.

AND, the tanning facilities must verify the age of an individual before allowing the individual access to a tanning device.

This brochure explains what tanning facilities must do to comply with the new law, and answers your questions about tanning of minors.

Why is there a new law to protect Maryland minors before they use tanning equipment?

Because of the increase in skin cancer and other skin problems related to exposures to ultra-violet light most health experts strongly recommend that children should not use indoor tanning devices. The health effects of concern include: skin cancer; phototoxicity and Photoallergy; premature aging of the skin; possible damage to the eye.

How does this law affect businesses?

Anyone who operates a tanning facility (any place where a tanning device is used for a fee, membership dues, or other compensation) has to meet the requirements of the new law.

What are the requirements of the new law?

- ◆ Tanning facility operator must ask *everyone* for proof of age, using some form of government-issued identification (such as a license).
- ◆ Minors (less than 18 years of age) MUST have a consent form, signed by a parent or guardian *in the presence of the facility owner or operator*, before they can tan. (A consent form can be downloaded from DHMH web site) <http://eh.dhmd.gov>
- ◆ The tanning facility operator must confirm the identity of the parent or guardian, using some form of government-issued identification.
- ◆ You are required to correct any violations of the requirements listed above. If you fail to correct the violation (s) by the date specified, there may be subsequent penalties

What are the penalties?

- ◆ First violation—letter of reprimand
2nd violation—\$250.00
3rd violation—\$500.00
Addition violation—\$1000.00

How do I pay a penalty?

- ◆ To pay a penalty, make a check or money order out to "DHMH-General Funds" and attach a copy of the 'Letter of Violation'. Mail both your payment and the copy of letter to the Local Health Department.

How does a business request an appeal?

- ◆ Businesses have the right to a hearing on any violation. The owner must submit a written request for a hearing to the Environmental Health Bureau; Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; 201 West Preston Street, Room 327, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 - within 10 days.

Is there other important information?

- ◆ Please check the regulations in your particular county, since some counties now have their own laws regarding minors, forms and signage.

More information, forms, and contact information can be found at:

<http://www.dhmd.gov>

Or you may call the Environmental Health Helpline: 1-866-703-3266