

ANEC INPUT TO THE EC CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Cancer prevention - reducing the health risks associated with using sunbeds

ANEC has long been raising concerns about how excessive tanning can cause severe health problems such as skin cancer but also eye damage or immune suppression.

According to the [PROSAFE report](#) (2012) of a European joint market surveillance action and the 2019 [article 'Sunbed use legislation in Europe: assessment of current status'](#): Self-tanning devices were reported in 50% of the European countries researched, and almost 40% of countries researched do not require supervision of use. The study also showed that although a warning display is required in 77% of cases, a signed informed consent is not required in 80%.

Without trained staff and adequate health care advice, the potential for harm to the uninformed consumer is much greater. Without being educated about health implications, particularly vulnerable consumers are at risk.

ANEC therefore:

- welcome and agree that the debate on sunbeds is brought to a higher political level, as ANEC long recommended
- rather than a European Recommendation, strongly call on the European Commission to develop European legislation that bans access to sunbeds for people < 18 years and for people with skin type I
- want providers of tanning facilities to be trained in order to express the required knowledge and give a professional consultation to customers (considering and going beyond EN 16489 "Professional Indoor UV Exposure Services").

In addition, we stress the need for:

- mandatory warnings to be affixed on sunbeds in a clearly visible and easily legible way, drawing the attention of the user to the inherent health risks
- strict requirements for advertising
- continued market surveillance actions on sunbeds.

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