

A response from the Office of Hon Michael Wood MP

Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety

in relation to a question regarding:

WorkSafe's sun exposure standards and Guidelines to PCBUs and workers

During the Q&A time, a delegate requested some information relating to WorkSafe's sun exposure standards and guidelines to PCBU's and workers. Please find below an update from WorkSafe that can be shared onwards:

- WorkSafe has guidance on [Protecting workers from solar UV radiation | WorkSafe](#)
- WorkSafe also provides advice about solar UV in their eye protection guidance: [Protecting your workers' eyes | WorkSafe](#)
- Inspectors raise the risk of exposure to solar UV when undertaking assessments in businesses and organisations when they see that risk is not being managed adequately
- Supporting businesses to reduce workers' exposure to [carcinogens and airborne risks](#) is a priority for WorkSafe. It is implementing a three-year Carcinogens and Airborne Risks Programme to support businesses and organisations to identify and eliminate or control these health risks.
- WorkSafe aims to address the carcinogens and airborne risks which present the greatest risk to health and have an impact on equitable outcomes. Its initial focus is on exposures that have a well-established link with lung cancer and/or respiratory disease. WorkSafe is developing a framework to help decide where it should target its efforts in the future.
- WorkSafe is working with [MelNet](#) (and other agencies) as they refresh the New Zealand Skin Cancer Primary Prevention and Early Detection Strategy

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