



Shared **Regulatory** Services
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Guidance for people who own, manage or have control of premises where sunbeds are available for use



The Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 places a legal duty on sunbed businesses to prevent any person under the age of 18 using a sunbed or entering a restricted zone where sunbeds are present. Operators must take all reasonable steps to ensure the sunbed user is over the age of 18 years, which may include:

Age verification check

Verify the age of the sunbed user by requesting an identity card that includes the PASS (Proof of Age Standards Scheme) hologram or other acceptable form of ID such as a valid passport or photo driving licence.

Operating a challenge 25 policy

Challenge all sunbed users who appear to look under the age of 25, requesting to see an acceptable form of ID.

Staff training and use of signage

Ensure staff are regularly trained and display signage reminding staff and customers of the age-restriction in place. Maintain records of procedures, regular staff training and log all incidents including refusals to demonstrate reasonable precautions and due diligence have been taken.

Equipment safety

All ultraviolet (UV) tanning equipment should be in good working order and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers instructions. The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 require all products that are intended for, or are likely to be used by consumers are safe. Information should also be provided to the consumer in relation to any potential risks in using such product. This includes offering the use of a sunbed to consumers.

UV tanning equipment should conform to standards set out in BS EN 60335-2-27: 2013 and must not exceed the maximum irradiance level of 0.3 watts per square metre (0.3 W/m²). Tanning at this level will significantly reduce the risk of burning. However, when replacing UV tubes, session times should be reduced.

All mains electrical equipment should conform to requirements set out in The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 which also implement the Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/EC) placing duties on the design, manufacture and supply of electrical equipment with a voltage range between 50-1000 volts ac or 75-1500 volts dc.

Further Information

Sunbed legal age restriction: www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/underage-sales/sunbeds-w

Product safety: www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/product-safety

Product safety-due diligence: www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/product-safety/product-safety-due-diligence

The General Product Safety Regulations 2005:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-product-safety-regulations-2005/general-product-safety-regulations-2005-great-britain



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The Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 (Wales) Regulations 2011 requires businesses to have adequate systems in place to avoid committing an offence.

Businesses must ensure:

- The sunbed user is over the age of 18 and steps are taken to verify their age.
- The premises are supervised by a competent person and they are present at times where a person is using, or seeking to use, a sunbed.
- Assistance is provided to the sunbed user to assess their skin type.
- Guidance is provided to the sunbed user to make them aware of the risks with consideration given to skin type, skin/medical conditions and any medication that may react with exposure to UV radiation. **Persons with Type I and II skin should be advised not to use UV tanning equipment.**
- The sunbed user is advised of the safe operation of the sunbed including how many minutes they should limit their session to.
- The prescribed health information leaflet is provided to each sunbed user.
- The prescribed health information poster is displayed within immediate view of entering the sunbed premises and is at least A3 in size. No other material containing information in relation to the health effects of sunbed use should be provided or placed on display.
- Protective eyewear is provided and used by the sunbed user.

Appropriate Cleaning and Disinfection

- Procedures should be in place for both routine cleaning and more thorough cleaning.
- Tanning equipment must be cleaned and disinfected immediately after each use. Hand contact surfaces and toilet facilities should be routinely cleaned and disinfected throughout the day. Single use eyewear must be disposed of after use and any reusable eyewear must be thoroughly sanitised between uses. Equipment fans should be cleaned regularly, after ensuring the electrical supply has been isolated and fans can be accessed safely.
- Cleaning products should comply with **BS EN 1276** (preventing the growth and spread of harmful bacteria) and **BS EN 14476** (contains appropriate ingredients to eliminate viruses).
- Cleaning products must be suitable for use on sunbeds and not cause harm to persons using them. Products should be diluted according to manufacturer's instructions and be applied for the correct contact time for the particular dilution being used.
- Hand washing/drying facilities should be provided and maintained with an adequate supply of liquid/foam soap and single-use, disposable paper towels.
- Products should be made up fresh regularly (ideally every day) for maximum effectiveness. The use of disposable cloths/paper towels and mop heads are best practice when cleaning. If not single use, they must be changed regularly. Cleaning equipment that is not single-use and disposable (i.e. buckets), should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. Effective cleaning will not be achieved if dirty equipment is being used.
- To reduce the risk of infection, disposable floor mats can be used in standing beds, these should be changed between each user. Always assume that all body fluid contamination is infectious.

Further Information

Prescribed health information leaflet:

www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/health-information-for-sunbed-users.pdf

Prescribed health information poster:

www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/sunbed-a3-poster.pdf

Guidance: www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/the-sunbeds-regulation-act-2010-wales-regulations-2011.pdf



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