



MAINE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

ACTion Alert

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State Legislative Activity

ACTION NEEDED: Tanning Beds

MPHA and our partners are working to pass a bill to prohibit tanning bed use by children under 18. Below is a message from the **American Cancer Society-Cancer Action Network**.

In Maine this year, more than 400 people will be diagnosed with melanoma. Far too many will die from the disease.

We know without a doubt that the kind of radiation emitted from tanning beds can cause cancer. And for kids, the damage to their skin - and thus the chances of a future cancer diagnosis - is even more severe. Ask your state legislators to support the bill prohibiting children from using tanning beds. It will take you less than a minute to send your message (yes, it really is that quick).

Check out these startling facts:

- A person increases their risk of melanoma by 75% if they use tanning beds before age 35.
- Tanning beds deliver UVA radiation 5 to 15 times higher than what is delivered by the summer midday sun.

Let's do what we can to protect our children from a life with skin cancer. Please send a message to your state legislators right now by visiting this website:

<https://secure3.convio.net/acscan/site/Advocacy?page=UserActionInactive&id=9164>

The Legislature could vote on this bill as soon as tomorrow!

While we can't protect Maine's children from everything they might do, we can help prevent them from getting skin cancer.

Thank you for your quick action,

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