

# Ban on providing sunbed services to under 18s

**It is illegal for sunbed operators to allow under 18s to use a sunbed from 4th January 2017.** There is a fine if you do not comply. This will be up to \$2,000 for an individual, and \$10,000 for a company.

You should ask any client that might be under 18 to prove their age with one of the following forms of identification:

- A current passport;
- A current New Zealand driving licence; or
- A Hospitality New Zealand card with their photograph and date of birth.

**No other form of identification is acceptable.**

## Why the under 18 ban has been introduced

The NZ Parliament has voted to ban under-18s from using commercial sunbed services since New Zealand has a high rate of skin cancers, and it is known that:

- Using a sunbed increases the risk of skin cancer; and
- The risk is even greater in young people who use sunbeds.

[View the full text of the new law on artificial UV tanning services](#) – Part 5 of the Health (Protection) Amendment Bill 2016.

**Contact your local Community and Public Health office for more information about the under 18 ban, and how to reduce the risks from sunbed use:**

- **Canterbury:** 03 364 1777;
- **South Canterbury:** 03 687 2600; or
- **West Coast:** 03 768 1160.



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