

Under 18s protected from sunbed dangers

The Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 came into being on 8th April this year. The Regulations prevent the use of sunbeds at commercial premises by children and young people under the age of 18.

The Act will prevent under 18 year olds from:

- being allowed to use tanning salons and sunbeds at premises including beauty salons, leisure centres, gyms and hotels;
- being offered the use of a sunbed; and
- being allowed to be in an area that is reserved for sunbed users.

Officers from Environmental Health at Great Yarmouth Borough Council will work with businesses to ensure compliance with the Act. They will be writing to all businesses offering sunbed hire in the town to remind them of their new responsibilities.

Further information specifically for businesses who offer sunbeds for use can be found on the Department of Health Website http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_125656

The Sunbed (Regulation) Act makes provisions for fines of up to £20,000 to any person in breach of the Act. If you have any queries please contact Environmental Health on (01493) 846478.