

## **SUN SAFETY POLICY**

## **ASPP-005**

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. More than 380,000 people are treated for the disease every year. ASPLUM has a legal obligation to ensure the health and safety of all workers, and that includes all workers placed at risk when working outdoors.

## **OBJECTIVE**

Minimise the harmful impact of UV radiation when performing work outdoors.

## **POLICY**

To reduce the risk of injury from exposure to UV radiation, ASPLUM has a sun safety program to:

- Organise work to avoid UV peak of the day wherever possible
- Provide natural or artificial shade wherever possible
- Provide appropriate protective clothing (covering as much skin as possible.
- Provide UV 30+ sunscreen
- Protective glasses
- Broad brimmed hats or caps with neck-flaps
- Ensure all protective equipment meets sun protection factors/Australian standards
- Develop awareness among workers of
  - Health risks
  - Correct use of sun protection measures
  - Early detection of skin cancer
  - Factors affecting levels of UV radiation

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References

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