## SUNSCREEN CHEMICALS AND MARINE LIFE

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**HOW SUNSCREEN CHEMICALS** 

**ENTER OUR ENVIRONMENT:** 



The *sunscreen* you apply may not stay on your skin.



When we swim, dive or shower, sunscreen may wash off and enter our waterways.

## **HOW SUNSCREEN CHEMICALS CAN AFFECT MARINE LIFE:**



# CHEMICALS IN SOME SUNSCREENS THAT CAN HARM MARINE LIFE:

- 3-Benzylidene Camphor
- 4-Methylbenzylidene Camphor
- Octocrylene
- Benzophenone-1
- Benzophenone-8
- OD-PABA
- Nano-Titanium Dioxide
- Nano-Zinc Oxide
- Octinoxate
- Oxybenzone
- Avobenzone

OUR WATERWAYS AND OCEAN ARE AT RISK DUE TO SUNSCREEN POLLUTION



#### GREEN ALGAE:

CAN IMPAIR GROWTH AND PHOTOSYNTHESIS.



#### **MUSSELS:**

CAN INDUCE DEFECTS IN VOLING



#### FISH:

CAN DECREASE FERTILITY AND REPRODUCTION, AND CAUSE FEMALE CHARACTERISTICS IN MALE FISH.



#### CORALS.

ACCUMULATES IN TISSUES. CAN INDUCE BLEACHING, DAMAGE DNA, DEFORM YOUNG AND EVEN KILL



#### SEA LIRCHINS

CAN DAMAGE IMMUNE AND REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS, AND DEFORM YOUNG.



#### DOLPHINS:

CAN DECREASE FERTILITY AND REPRODUCTION, AND CAUSE FEMALE CHARACTERISTICS IN MALE FISH.

### HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND MARINE LIFE:

Consider sunscreen without chemicals that can harm marine life, seek shade between 10 am & 2 pm, and use Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) sunwear.



Seek shade





Umbrella



Sun hat



Reef friendly sunscreen



UV Sur glasses



Sur



**UV Shirt** 



Shirt Leggins

**Source:** oceanservice.noaa.gov/sunscreen



