

Sun Safe Policy

Parents entrust the Prospect Road Community Centre staff to provide safe programs and care when needed. It is the responsibility of staff to mitigate situations that may cause harm to a child, and to provide the best care possible to ensure children are safe, protected and treated when needed.

Physical activity and outdoor play are important to the growth and development of children. Childcare programs will often take advantage of nice weather and the sun when possible. Although outdoor play is beneficial to children, the sun can be harmful when a child is not properly protected.

When we are in seasons that have longer days and an increase UV index, parents are required to apply and provide sunscreen in their children’s bags. We ask parents to apply a first layer of sunscreen prior to dropping children off at camp and label sunscreen bottles with children’s names.

Prospect Road Community Centre staff will make time throughout the day for children to reapply sunscreen - staff will model best practices for sunscreen application and children will apply to themselves. Staff will NOT physically apply sunscreen to ANY children.

In the event a child does not have sunscreen on days with a high UV index or clear direct sun, staff will provide and apply sunscreen. Sunscreen is provided in situations to reduce harm and provide the best care for the child. Application will be provided by Coppertone Kid’s SPF 50 Spray Sunscreen. **Staff will not apply sunscreen to children with their hands.** For best practices, children will cover their face while application is being done and then a small amount will be sprayed onto palms of hands to which the child will apply to their own face.

If a parent **DOES NOT** want sunscreen applied, they must inform program supervisors and provide this in writing. Otherwise, we will continue with all of our safe practices to protect a child from harm, which includes protection from the sun, if and when needed.

Dustin (DC) Boudreau

Date

I _____ parent/guardian of
 _____ request that

Prospect Road Community Centre staff **DO NOT** provide sun safe care via spray sunscreen application at any time. I understand that this may result in my child not being able to participate during activities in the sun if staff notice reddening of the skin, and that this may also result in sun burns of varying degrees, and/or more severe injuries.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Returned to staff and staff signature: _____