

**Priority question for written answer P-003238/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Measures to counter the carcinogenic effects of sunbeds

According to experts, artificial tanning devices emit ultraviolet radiation (UVR) that is 10-15 times more powerful than the sun at its peak intensity, meaning that their use can lead to cancer. The risk is even higher when exposure begins at an early age, which is why many countries have banned minors from using sunbeds. The Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks, classes UVR, including UVR emitted by artificial tanning devices (sunbeds) as a 'complete carcinogen' for the skin and states that there is no demonstrably safe exposure limit for UVR from sunbeds¹. In fact, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation, people who first use a sunbed before the age of 35 increase their risk of developing melanoma by 75%².

In view of this:

1. What steps will the Commission take to make European citizens aware of the risks of artificial tanning devices?
2. Is it considering issuing a recommendation for a ban on the use of these devices in order to protect the health and lives of Europeans, especially minors, who are most at risk from exposure to the radiation produced by these devices?

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¹ <https://neaygeia.gr/2017/06/απολύτως-καρκινογόνος-η-υπεριώδης/>

² <https://www.skincancer.org/blog/how-to-talk-to-your-teen-about-tanning/>