

Sunburn after sunscreen and sun protection use

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RESEARCH TEAM

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IMAGE RELEASE INFORMATION

The purpose of this study is to review and evaluate your experience, opinions, and beliefs on being sunburnt in Australia after using sun protection methods.

The research team is looking for males and females aged 18 to 65 years who were sunburnt during the Australian summer months of 2016/2017 (November to January) despite using sunscreen and other sun protection measures.

PARTICIPATION

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to take part in an audio recorded focus group or individual interview relating to the sunburn experience and other relevant factors.

Example questions may include: "Does sunscreen play a role in your sun protection strategies?"
You may also be asked to share photographs that show the sunburn that you sustained.

Separately you will also be asked if you would be willing to be contacted occasionally for QUT media engagements, if you do not agree to this it will have no impact on participating in the study.

Your participation in this research project is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate you do not have to complete any question(s) you are uncomfortable answering. Your decision to participate or not participate will in no way impact upon your current or future relationship with QUT or with your workplace. If you do agree to participate you can withdraw from the research project without comment or penalty. Any identifiable information already obtained from you will be destroyed.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

It is expected that this research project will directly benefit you as the outcomes from this study could be used to develop and provide advice regarding sunscreen and sun protection use to prevent similar instances of sunburn occurring in the future.

RISKS

There are minimal risks associated with your participation in this research project.

QUT provides for limited free psychology, family therapy or counselling services (face-to-face only) for research participants of QUT research projects who may experience discomfort as a result of their participation in the research. Should you wish to access this service please call the Clinic Receptionist on **07 3138 0999** (Monday–Friday only 9am–5pm), QUT Psychology and Counselling Clinic, 44 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove, and indicate that you are a research participant.

Alternatively, Lifeline provides access to online, phone or face-to-face support, call **13 11 14** for 24 hour telephone crisis support. For young people aged between 5 and 25, you can also call the Kids Helpline on **1800 551 800**.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All comments and responses will be treated confidentially unless required by law.

As the project involves an audio recording:

- The audio recording will be destroyed 5 years after the last publication.
- The audio recording will not be used for any other purpose.
- Only the named researchers will have access to the audio recording.
- It is not possible to participate in the project without being audio recorded.

Skin images from the photographs will be non-identifiable and used for research purposes only. Only senior members of the research team will have access to these images and any data collected during the study period.

Any data collected as part of this research project will be stored securely as per QUT's Management of research data policy. Please note that non-identifiable data collected in this research project may be used as comparative data in future research projects or stored on an open access database for secondary analysis.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

The return of the consent form and survey is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this research project.

QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT

If you have any questions or require further information please contact the researcher listed below.

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CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

QUT is committed to research integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team on 07 3138 5123 or email humanethics@qut.edu.au. The QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS RESEARCH PROJECT.
PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**