

Arizona Department of Health Services
Bureau of Child Care Licensing
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Our peers at [Children's Environmental Health Network](#) remind us that summer is the perfect time for playing in the park or on the playground, and that getting outdoors is important for children's overall health and well-being. They want to ensure children enjoy the summer sun without being exposed to harmful chemicals found within certain sunscreens, so they've developed Eco-Healthy Child Care's [safer sunscreen use fact sheet](#), which provides quick and effective tips for practicing sun safety while enjoying the outdoors. The fact sheet will also describe the different types and strengths of sunscreens, as well as how sunscreen helps protect your skin, so you can make sure the product you choose is protecting your skin safely.

Sunscreen and Personal Products Guidelines

- ◆ Rule [R9-5-501.C.9.a-c](#), "A licensee shall ensure that a staff member: Does the following when a parent permits or asks a staff member to apply personal products on an enrolled child, such as petroleum jelly, diaper rash ointments, sun screen or sun block preparations, toothpaste, and baby diapering preparations:
 - a. Obtains the enrolled child's personal products from the enrolled child's parent or, if the licensee provides the personal products for use by the enrolled child, obtains written approval for use of the products from the enrolled child's parent;
 - b. Labels the personal products with the enrolled child's name; and
 - c. Keeps the personal products inaccessible to enrolled children" (Child Care Facilities)

- ◆ Rule [R9-5-501.C.10 & § 36-894.01.A](#), "A licensee shall ensure that a staff member: When a parent permits, allows an enrolled school-age child to possess and use a topical sunscreen product without a note or prescription from a licensed health care professional" (Child Care Facilities)

- ◆ Rules [R9-5-501.C.12](#) and [R9-3-401.C.1](#) "A licensee shall ensure that a staff member: Monitors an enrolled child for overheating or overexposure to the sun..." (Child Care Facilities and Child Care Group Homes)

- ◆ Rule [R9-3-401.C.4](#), "A certificate holder shall ensure that a staff member: ...labels the personal items of an enrolled child with an identifier that is specific to the enrolled child and stores the personal items separately from the personal items of other enrolled children and residents" (Child Care Group Homes)

- ◆ Rule [R9-3-401.C.6.a&b](#), "A certificate holder shall ensure that a staff member: If a parent of an enrolled child permits or asks a staff member to apply sunscreen, diapering products, or other substances to the skin of an enrolled child, obtains:
 - a. The sunscreen, diapering products, or other substances from the enrolled child's parent; or
 - b. If the child care group home supplies the sunscreen, diapering products, or other substances, written permission from the enrolled child's parent for the application of the specific sunscreen, diapering products, or other substances" (Child Care Group Homes)

- ◆ For more information regarding sunscreen use in your child care facility or group home, please utilize the following resources:

[Daily Habits for Sun Safety](#)
[Sunscreens Explained](#)
[Sunscreen Safety](#)
[ADHS SunWise Program](#)
[Sun Safety Tips for Kids](#)
[EPA Sun Safety Guide](#)