

SWEDEN

Report on UV activities June 2015 – May 2016

General research activities in your country related to UV health

No general research activities have been performed in Sweden during this period.

New policies and legislations regarding UV exposure

Sweden has not issued any new legislation during this period. There is a proposal for an age limit for cosmetic sunbed use that are being processed within the European Commission.

In 2015 the Swedish Government assigned The Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM) with a commission regarding sun-related behaviours. SSM handed in a report to the government in January 2016. The report includes a recommendation that SSM should get increased resources in order to be able to work with outdoor environments for children and also finding new target groups, and develop adjusted information messages for these.

Sweden has 16 environmental objectives where one of these objectives are called A safe Radiation Environment. Within the scope of some of these environmental objectives there are a few suggestions on how the relevant authorities can cooperate in order to improve the outdoor environment for children, where the exposure for UV-radiation will be one of the aspects.

Areas of public concern and national responses

Since 2005, the authority has performed an annual survey of sun habits and attitudes sent to 2000 people between ages of 18 and 74 in Sweden. From this survey we can see that there are no obvious trends in the public concern and nothing in this last study stands out clearly.

New public information activities

No new public information activities have been performed in Sweden during this period.

Swedish Radiation Safety Authority