



Study Shows Tanning Beds are Extremely Dangerous

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Tanning beds are a popular choice for adding that base tan that everyone needs if they plan on spending any time in the sun. For decades, tanning salons have been a stable and profitable venture for thousands of business owners, and millions of consumers have used them from time to time. In fact, many tanning bed aficionados follow a specific routine for their tanning, as it's been marketed many times as a safe alternative to sun exposure.

However, the industry could be taking a hit soon after a report was published indicating that tanning beds are extremely dangerous and can cause cancer. According to an article published in the [Sun-Sentinel](#) in Florida:

“International cancer experts have moved tanning beds and other sources of ultraviolet radiation into the top cancer risk category, deeming them as deadly as arsenic and mustard gas. For years, scientists have described tanning beds and ultraviolet radiation as “probable carcinogens.”

A new analysis of about 20 studies concludes the risk of skin cancer jumps by 75 percent when people start using tanning beds before age 30. Experts also found that all types of ultraviolet radiation caused worrying mutations in mice, proof the radiation is carcinogenic. Previously, only one type of ultraviolet radiation was thought to be lethal.

The new classification means tanning beds and other sources of ultraviolet radiation are definite causes of cancer, alongside tobacco, the hepatitis B virus and chimney sweeping, among others.

The research was published online in the medical journal Lancet Oncology on Wednesday, by experts at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, the cancer arm of the World Health Organization.”

For those who tend to use tanning beds, this information should be taken seriously. For those who may have been harmed as a result of using tanning beds, a [Sacramento personal injury attorney](#) who understands how to handle sometimes-intricate legal claims is necessary. Contact Demas & Rosenthal today to schedule a free initial consultation.