



# WHY SHOULD WE USE REEF-SAFE SUNSCREEN?

Sunscreen is widely used when swimming, diving and snorkelling.

Yet, studies have shown some **chemical compounds in sunscreen** – including **Oxybenzone and Octinoxate** – may harm coral reefs, even in very small doses

When wearing sunscreen while in the water, **it can wash off** and **enter the water** which could **harm coral reefs**



These chemicals have been shown to:  
**cause bleaching, harm coral DNA and interfere with coral reproduction** in lab-based studies



**YOU CAN PREVENT HARMFUL CHEMICALS ENTERING THE OCEAN BY USING REEF-SAFE SUNSCREEN**  
(which does not contain chemicals proven to harm coral reefs)  
**AND COVERING UP IN THE SUN**