

1.7. SUN PROTECTION POLICY

It is the policy of PTC to provide an environmentally friendly and safe working environment for all operations undertaken.

This Policy states the commitment of Senior Management and members of the organization to the implementation of a workplace policy for protection against exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation.

It is acknowledged that skin cancer is a major public health problem in Australia, with two out of three people requiring treatment for some form of skin cancer during their life time.

It is recognised that exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun is a major cause of skin cancer.

To reduce the risk of skin cancer, PTC will implement appropriate workplace strategies which include;

- At all times (including cool or overcast days) workers who are working outdoors will protect themselves against UVR by;
 - Wearing approved hats, such as broad brimmed hats or 'French Foreign Legion' caps.
 - Sun protective work clothing
 - Shirts should be cotton loose fitting and long sleeved with collars
 - Long trousers, made of cotton are best. If shorts must be worn they should be to the knee.
 - The fabric should be close weave and not let light through as this means UV radiation will also get through. Clothing that offers excellent protection with an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) rating of 40, 45, 50 or 50+ (as classified by AS/NZS 4399:1996) are recommended. Choose clothing with UPF 50+ for best protection.
 - Sunglasses that meet Australian Standard, AS/NZS 1067:2003 Sunglasses and fashion spectacles. Wrap-around style glasses provide the best protection.
 - Applying SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen
- PTC will provide as required its workers appropriate hats, clothing and SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen.
- PTC will include sun protection procedures in any induction course for new workers.