



# 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**

