

POLICY / SUN SAFETY / OUTDOOR RECREATION – The City of Gloversville, New York

Rationale:

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in sunlight causes nearly all skin cancer cases. The risk for skin cancer can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced. Therefore, the City of Gloversville is committed to promoting sun safe practices to visitors and staff and will implement the following sun safety policy.

Policy:

The City of Gloversville will promote basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer for visitors by encouraging they:

- Wear sun-protective clothing that includes:
 - full-brimmed hats
 - long sleeve shirts
 - full-length pants made of tightly woven fabric that is lightweight
 - Use sunglasses that state they protect from 100% UVA & UVB
 - Play in shaded areas when practical
 - Seek shade when outside in the sun
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1. If appropriate, a city sponsored event will encourage sun protective items such as hats, protective clothing, umbrellas, and sunscreen accessible by selling items from vendors and local businesses to visitors to encourage them to practice sun safety while participating in outdoor recreation activities.
 2. The City of Gloversville will consider the availability of shade for visitors when planning outdoor activities such as community events, festivals, or sports competitions on-site.
 3. The City of Gloversville will make shade available when possible for visitors in high-use recreation areas.
 4. When possible, outdoor activities will be scheduled before 10am or after 4pm, from March through October. The availability of shade will be considered when planning such activities during these time frames.
 5. Visitors will be encouraged and reminded to practice basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer through on-site communications (ex: verbal reminders, signage, brochures, etc.) at strategic locations where possible (ex: waiting areas, restrooms, etc.).

Planning:

Existing shaded areas will be assessed as needed to determine if additional shade is needed in recreational areas.

Policy Monitoring and Review:

City of Gloversville will evaluate and revise this policy as needed.

Contact Regarding Policy:

Contact City Clerk's Office with questions or concerns about the policy.

Date Policy Adopted: mm/dd/yyyy

POLICY / SUN SAFETY / OUTDOOR WORKSITES – The City of Gloversville, New York

Rationale:

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation causes nearly all skin cancer cases. The City of Gloversville is committed to the health and safety of its workers, including protecting our employees from the adverse effects associated with prolonged exposure to outdoor UV radiation. Encouraging and providing sun safety behaviors in outdoor workers helps create a healthy and safe workforce.

Policy:

This policy applies to every department/division, supervisor, and employee of the City of Gloversville, where outdoor work or work assignments are required and there is a risk of exposure to UV radiation as a result of these activities.

Hats, Protective Clothing, Sunglasses, and Sunscreen

- Employees will be encouraged to wear sun-protective clothing that includes:
 - Full-brimmed hats
 - Long-sleeve shirts
 - full-length pants made of tightly woven fabric that is lightweight.
- Wear sunglasses that protect from 100 percent of UVA & UVB (full spectrum).
- Carry and use sunscreen and lip balm with a minimum of SPF 15

Environmental Controls:

The City of Gloversville will provide shaded outdoor break areas for all employees.

Training and Communication:

All outdoor employees of the City of Gloversville will receive information on UV protection, sun safety behaviors, and/or skin cancer prevention.

City of Gloversville supervisors will receive UV protection, skin cancer prevention, and/or sun safety materials encouraging them to practice sun safety behaviors while on the job and role model to reinforce use of sun-protective equipment for employees.

Policy Monitoring and Review:

This policy is the shared responsibility of all City of Gloversville personnel. All employees are encouraged to communicate and partake in the necessary precautions of this policy during the working hours to prevent and reduce the risk of skin cancer.

City of Gloversville supervisors will understand, model and encourage employees to follow the Sun Safety Policy guidelines.

City of Gloversville will evaluate and revise this policy as needed.

Contact Regarding Policy:

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Intro R-3

Councilmember ANADIO presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE POLICY FOR SUN SAFETY FOR OUTDOOR
RECREATION/OUTDOOR WORKSITES**

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Employee Sun Safety Law, enacted on August 18, 2006, is an amendment to Section 218-a of the New York State Labor Law. It requires New York State agencies to provide sun safety information to their employees who spend more than a total of five hours per week outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gloversville, New York is in support of the “Community Cancer Prevention in Action Program of Fulton, Montgomery and Schenectady Counties” as a New York State Department of Health program supporting local cancer prevention and risk reduction interventions using a policy, systems and environmental (PSE) change approach; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States with 1 in 5 Americans diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, in New York, 4,000 cases of Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, are diagnosed each year, with five hundred (500) New Yorkers dying from it each year; and

WHEREAS, the risk for developing skin cancer can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council are committed to promoting sun safety practices for visitors and employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, it is committed to promoting sun safe practices for visitors and employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Gloversville hereby adopts the attached policy for Sun Safety for Outdoor Recreation and a policy for Sun Safety for Outdoor Worksites to reduce the exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) which over time can increase the risk of developing skin cancer. The attached policies are an action to reduce the risk of skin cancer in the City of Gloversville; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Gloversville supports the adopted Sun Safety for Outdoor Recreation and Sun Safety for Outdoor Worksites policies by providing information and raising awareness in the community and among the City’s workforce to prevent skin cancer.

Seconded by Councilmember: ROWBACK

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Dated: 03/24/2020

	Aye	Nay		Aye	Nay
<u>ANADIO</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>SIMONDS</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>BATCHELOR</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>WEISS</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>ROWBACK</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>ZARRELLI</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>SIARKOWSKI</u>	<u>X</u>				