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**INFORMATION BULLETIN 2011-05**

To: Tanning Registrants

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RE: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TANNING RULES UPDATE – DIGITAL  
TIMERS, SKIN TYPING AND PRE 1986 DEVICES**

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RPS repealed rules banning the use of tanning devices manufactured prior to September 8, 1986. After consulting with the FDA, RPS determined the risk to public safety is not the manufacturer date, but the maximum timer intervals. The only limitation on these devices is that tanning sessions cannot exceed 20 minutes. Use the 20 minute exposure schedule below if the tanning device has a 30 minute timer. You must post this exposure schedule on the tanning device, and continue to skin type your clients using the skin typing chart (see attached).

**NEW RULE LANGUAGE:** OAR 333-119-0100(15)(a) "The maximum timer interval shall not exceed the manufacturer's maximum recommended exposure time, or 20 minutes, whichever is less."

**NEW RULE LANGUAGE:** OAR 333-119-0100(15)(b) "A tanning facility shall use the following exposure schedule or an equivalent schedule to accommodate tanning devices with 30 minutes maximum timers that are reduced to 20 minute maximum timers:"

Skin Type	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Weekly Maintenance
<b>1</b>	1-3 min	4-6 min	7-10 min	11-15 min	
<b>2 Fair</b>	4 min	8 min	12 min	16 min	20 min
<b>3 Medium</b>	4 min	8 min	12 min	16 min	20 min
<b>4 Dark</b>	4 min	12 min	16 min	20 min	20 min
<b>5 Very Dark</b>	4 min	12 min	16 min	20 min	20 min

The other new rule bans the use of mechanical timers to control a tanning device. Digital timers are now required to control all tanning devices.

**NEW RULE LANGUAGE:** OAR 333-119-0090(9) "Tanning facilities are prohibited from controlling the use of tanning devices solely with token timer systems or a mechanical timer system."

For a full text version of the Oregon Administrative Rules, please visit the RPS website under Administrative rules section at: [www.healthoregon.org/rps](http://www.healthoregon.org/rps) . You can contact RPS at (971) 673-0490.

*In the interest of public health and safety, the Public Health Division is committed to minimizing unnecessary exposure to radiation by protecting the public and the employee when operating tanning devices. Radiation Protection Services (RPS) employs Health Physicists to inspect businesses that expose the consumer to non-ionizing radiation per Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 333 Division 119.*