



# Warning Sign Instructions for Tanning Facilities

Pursuant to “Howard County Tanning Facility Regulations” .14(e), an owner shall conspicuously post warning signs in locations visible to the public including any area(s) where a tanning device is used.

## WARNING SIGN OPTIONS

Tanning facilities have two options for the Warning Sign.

1. A facility may post a Warning Sign created by the Howard County Health Department. A copy of this Warning Sign is available for download on the Health Department’s website – <http://www.hchealth.org>.
2. A facility may create and post a Warning Sign that meets the specifications outlined below.

## WARNING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

If a tanning facility decides to create their own Warning Sign to post, the sign should conform to the following specifications:

- The sign shall be in a landscape format 11 inches high by 17 inches wide on a white background.
- All letters to be black in color, all upper case, adequately spaced, not crowded.
- All letters shall be at least ½ inch in height (a minimum of 48pt font size if Arial font is used).
- The word “WARNING” shall appear at the top of the sign, centered between vertical margins.
- The first sentence “USE OF TANNING DEVICE MAY CAUSE SKIN CANCER AND BURNS TO THE EYES AND SKIN.” shall appear in the middle of the sign, centered between vertical margins.
- The second sentence shall read “PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR IS REQUIRED.” This sentence shall appear in the middle of the sign, centered between vertical margins.
- There shall be a space between the first sentence and the second sentence.