

sunscreen recommendations

Baby Bum Mineral Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50

The EWG gives this fragrance-free sunscreen its highest safety score for kids. Formulated with protective zinc oxide, as well as hydrating shea butter and coconut oil, it's applies like a dream on delicate baby skin, covers well, and doesn't get too sticky. Bonus: It's vegan and cruelty-free, too.

Coppertone Pure & Simple Baby Mineral Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50

This chemical-free sunscreen is free of fragrance, oils, and dyes so it protects the skin without irritating it. Water resistant for 80 minutes, it's specifically formulated to be "tear-free" so your kiddos won't have any issues with burning or itching. Bonus: No weird residue left behind!

MDSolarSciences Mineral KidCrème SPF 40

This mineral sunscreen for kids earns top marks from the EWG, thanks to its top-notch UV protection and gentle ingredients. In addition to zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, this unscented, smooth formula contains soothing green tea, nourishing vitamin E, and fruit extracts, all of which act as antioxidants to offer additional protection. The best part? It feels great on the skin and won't sting the eyes, so even stubborn kids will love slathering on this SPF.

Thinkbaby Safe Sunscreen SPF 50+

The EWG also lists this mineral sunscreen for kids and babies as a safe, excellent option. It offers high broad-spectrum protection, doesn't feel sticky on the skin, and contains moisturizing aloe, hyaluronic acid, and jojoba oil. What's more, vitamins C and E act as antioxidants to further protect the skin from damage.

All Good Kid's Sunscreen SPF 30 (Pack of 2)

This coral-friendly, non-greasy, broad-spectrum sunscreen contains zinc oxide for sun protection alongside skin-soothing chamomile and green tea. It's also water resistant for 80 minutes and rubs in easily.

Badger Baby Sunscreen Cream SPF 30

This pediatrician-tested and -approved, broad spectrum sunscreen lotion contains only six ingredients—including soothing chamomile and nourishing vitamin E—in addition to zinc oxide. It's reef friendly, biodegradable, and certified cruelty-free as well as water- and sweat-resistant for 40 minutes. Your child may have white skin for a little while, but it's worth the protection.





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BEST OVERALL

Neutrogena Pure & Free Baby Sunscreen SPF 50

This zinc oxide sunscreen is free of irritating chemicals, fragrances, parabens, phthalates, and dyes, and was awarded a National Eczema Association (NEA) Seal of Acceptance, indicating it's suitable for those with sensitive skin. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) gives the SPF 50 formula its highest rating.

BEST VALUE

Aveeno Baby Continuous Protection Sensitive Skin SPF 50

Water resistant for 80 minutes, this mineral sunscreen contains 100% zinc oxide for broad spectrum SPF 50 protection, along with oat extract to soothe and moisturize the skin. While the lotion feels thick at first, it absorbs quickly with a non-greasy finish. It's also free of fragrances, parabens, dyes, and phthalate, earning the NEA Seal of Acceptance. No need to worry about stinging the skin with this one!

RAVE REVIEWS

Blue Lizard Australian Baby Mineral Sunscreen SPF 30+

Free of potentially irritating parabens and fragrances, this SPF 30, broad spectrum sunscreen protects the skin using zinc oxide and titanium oxide. It's water resistant for 40 minutes, plus the bottle turns pink when harmful UV rays are present, so you have a nice reminder to apply more, get the kids under the beach umbrella, or consider a lunch break inside.

BESTSELLER

La Roche-Posay Anthelios Melt-In Sunscreen Milk SPF 60

Developed with dermatologists and tested by pediatricians, this sunscreen lotion offers top-notch protection against UVA and UVB rays. The lightweight formula is free of parabens, dyes, and artificial fragrances, and water resistant for 80 minutes. Added antioxidants "further guard the skin from future sun damage," says board-certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon Joel Schlessinger M.D.

BEST FOR DRY SKIN

CeraVe Hydrating Mineral Sunscreen SPF 45

This mineral sunscreen for kids contains both zinc oxide and titanium oxide without potentially irritating fragrances, parabens, or sulfates, earning it a NEA Seal of Acceptance. CeraVe also formulated this product with hydrating ceramides (natural fats in the skin) and soothing aloe vera to moisturize while it protects the skin. It's water resistant for 80 minutes and absorbs quickly, which is always nice for kids who hate the sticky feeling of sunscreen.

