

Exposé: UV Ray



The Sun Safety Alliance™ tracked down one of planet Earth's "least wanted"—UV Ray. Read our interview with this really bad guy. Then ask Ray your own question.

SSA: So, Ray, it was really hard to catch up with you....

Ray: I'm surprised you could run that fast. Like any light wave, my normal speed is 186,282 miles per second. And I'm invisible, in case you haven't noticed.

SSA: Well, yes, I see. I mean, I don't see. How does your invisibility help you?

Ray: Ha! People don't even know when I'm sneaking under their skin!

SSA: What on earth do you do inside skin?

Ray: You know, the regular stuff—change cells, mess up the place. Most people don't notice what I've done until years later. Sometimes they get sick.

SSA: Can anything stop you?

Ray: (Squirming) Well...I just can't seem to make it past some things. Walls, roofs, trees...even clothes!

SSA: Any clothing?

Ray: If the clothing has holes or is wet, then I can slip right through. Then there's that pesky sunscreen. Still, if a person doesn't rub more on in time, they're toast.

SSA: How could something squeezed out of a bottle block you?

Ray: Sometimes I hit that sunscreen and bounce right off. Other times the sunscreen absorbs me. It changes me into heat, so I just fade away. But I keep coming back for more!

SSA: You're almost unstoppable.

Ray: If people try hard enough, they can do it. Listen, I have to dash.

SSA: Do you have time for one more question?

Ray: Just one.



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What would you ask UV Ray?
Write your question here:

Answer: _____

(Pass your question to a classmate. He or she will research and write the answer.)