

# 9042 - Vitamin D, the Sun, and You



Vitamin D is necessary for strong healthy bones and muscles, especially in children and the elderly. Research suggests that Vitamin D may reduce the risk of some types of cancers.

### You can get vitamin D from three sources:

- Exposure to sunlight
- Diet
- Vitamin Supplements

### Foods sources of Vitamin D:

Natural Sources	Fortified Sources
Fish (Salmon, Trout, Herring, Tuna)	Milk
Egg Yolk	Juice
Liver	Margarine

### You are at higher risk of not enough vitamin D if you:

- Are elderly
- Have dark skin
- Don't go outside very much
- Wear clothing that covers most of your skin

If you are in one of these groups you may want to consult with your doctor about whether you should take a vitamin D supplement year round.

### A little sunlight can go a long way! The amount of sun exposure needed to produce enough vitamin D depends on:

- Age
- Diet
- Skin colour
- Where you live (those in Northern Latitudes need more sun)
- How strong the sun is

