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LIGHT BULBS & UV RAYS

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We're told every bulb we switch will help save energy and the planet, but could the new compact fluorescent lightbulbs be damaging our skin? The issue is ultraviolet radiation, and officials at Health Canada tell Global News that "CFLs are not provided with a prismatic diffuser that filters ultraviolet radiation out. Therefore, there may be skin sensitivity issues, especially in people with certain skin diseases." So how much UV radiation are they giving off? We don't know. Health Canada is testing the bulbs but declined an on-camera interview.

Instead, we went to London, England to find out. [Watch Allison Vuchnich's Special Report here.](#)

For more information on emissions from compact fluorescent lights [click here.](#)

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