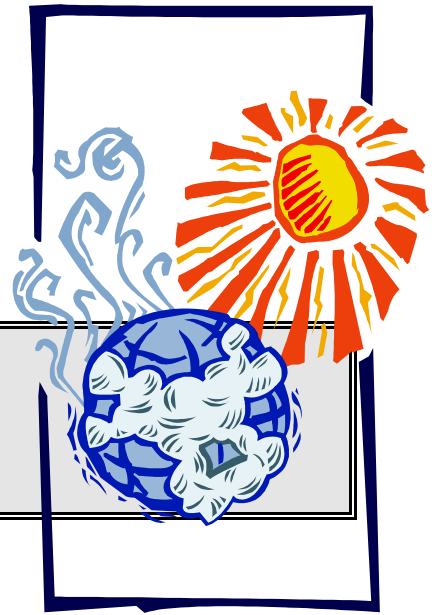


# The ozone layer is breaking down!



The ozone layer surrounds our earth and protects it from harmful ultra-violet rays from the sun. These rays are very dangerous and can cause skin cancer. Normally, they never reach the surface of the earth.



Polystyrene and many sprays contain dangerous chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). When these are released into the atmosphere they damage the ozone layer. Already it has a large hole which is allowing ultra-violet rays from the sun to reach the earth.

**You can help! Check the labels on your spray cans that they don't contain CFCs. And try not to buy things like take-away food packaged in polystyrene.**



## Why is the world suddenly running into these problems?



One of the main reasons is because in some countries, for example in Europe and America, people like to keep on buying so many things and then throwing them away. To supply them there have to be factories, power plants, oil refineries etc., all pumping carbon dioxide into the air. One of the worst things is the car, which needs to be made in a factory, and then burns precious oil every time it's used.



**You can help by:**

- \* Only buying things you really need.
- \* Trying to recycle as much as you can.
- \* Using trains and buses instead of the car.
- \* Walking and cycling more.

