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Thousands of women across the country consider flip-flops an indispensable element in their summer wardrobe.

An Old Navy and Gap online survey showed that flip-flops were at the top of the list as summer footwear.

Many companies feel differently.

A spokeswoman for BNP Paribas says that if a dress code says no beachwear this includes flip flops.

Style experts advise that flip-flops could be detrimental to a career. Younger women are the ones who wear them.

Style commentator Meghan Cleary says, "Shoes convey the mood of a woman. Wearing flip-flops conveys a casual attitude."

Doctors also have concerns about the effect of flip-flops on the feet.

Doctors at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons say that flip-flops are connected to foot problems.

A representative recently said, "We're seeing more heel pain than ever in patients 15 to 25 years old."

Flip-flops have been around for at least 70 years, originating from traditional Japanese woven sandals.

The Y-shaped and flat soled sandal is known all over the world and to all social classes.

It is very common in developing countries for its affordable price and sometimes the only shoe available.

The term "flip-flop" gets its name from the slapping sound the sandal makes when it hits the ground.

A few years ago the life of the flip flop changed completely. They became trendy and popular.

In June 2005 the Northwestern University's champion women's lacrosse team wore flip-flops to the game.

Ellen Campuzano, president of the Committee of Color and Trends, a New York-based forecasting firm, says,

"Usually these trends come and go in about five years," she said. "I think we've reached the peak of the flip-flop trend."

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