

"Keeping it Clean"

Sanitation



Keeping it Clean (Hand out to your Clients)

What You Should Know About Sanitation?

Why should I worry about sanitation? All Salons must follow the rules and regulations given to them by The State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. Without proper sanitation methods, clients can be exposed to harmful bacteria, which can cause serious infections. Many times, these infections, (such as Staph infections) can lead to the disfigurement of hands and feet and sometimes even the loss of fingers and toes. More severe cases can involve the contraction of Hepatitis, or even AIDS.

What are some of the violations I should be aware of? Unfortunately, the State Board cannot keep up with every Nail Salon, and there are some Salons, that choose to ignore the rules. Some violations include not sanitizing implements, not washing hands before each client, dirty work stations, uncovered trash bins, reusing dirty paper towels and the illegal use of blades and needles.

What can I do to keep myself safe? Know what to look for whenever you go to a Salon. Always take a look around the Salon, to make sure it is clean. Other signs to look for:

- Check to see that your Nail Technician has his/her license displayed. If it is not displayed, ask to see it.
- All implements and equipment should be properly sanitized before each use.
- Make sure Nail Technicians sanitize their hands before every client.
- Trash containers should have a proper lid, or odor-free cover.
- A Nail Technician should never use any type of blade or needle on you.
- All containers should be labeled with a manufactures name.

Not all Nail Salons choose to ignore the rules. A good Nail Technician cares about the quality of service you receive, as well as your health and safety. Ask questions about disinfectants and proper procedures. Quality Nail Salons will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Where can I get more information? For more information on proper sanitation procedures, or if you want to report a Salon you feel is unsafe, contact the Consumer Affairs Hotline. In California call (800) 952-5210 (number last checked May 1st, 2012). You can also contact the State Board of Cosmetology or the Better Business Bureau in your State.