

"MMA (NOT approved)"

Dangers



Keeping Your Clients Educated

The Dangers of Methyl Methacrylate (MMA)

Recently, there have been increasing problems with the use of methyl methacrylate (MMA). (MMA) in the Nail industry has caused numerous problems for acrylic nail wearers. Many "discount" Nail Salons are using MMA instead of EMA (approved) acrylic liquid, to cut down on costs. (MMA is approximately \$180 cheaper per gallon than EMA acrylic liquid.) This is why so many "discount" Nail Salons can charge such low prices.

The FDA has issued a warning to consumers that the use of MMA In discount Nail Salons is on the upswing, and is severely dangerous to unsuspecting clients. The best way to combat the problem with MMA, is to recognize the warning signs:

- Tingling or numbness of the fingers
- Whitening of the fingers
- Damaged nail-beds
- Irritated skin around the nail-bed
- Salons using MMA will have a markedly different smell to them. than the EMA (approved) acrylic liquid

Other signs may include:

- Difficulty in removing your client's acrylic nails (The MMA ("not" approved) acrylic combination has a much harder surface than the EMA (approved) acrylic combination.)
- Employees in the Salon tend to wear masks to avoid the poisonous chemicals MMA gives out

All of these signs may indicate that your client has been to a Salon using MMA.

It is important to educate your clients on the dangers of MMA.

A well-trained Nail Tech, using FDA approved products and using proper sanitation methods, will not be afraid to answer any questions asked by their clients. Keeping your clients informed and educated will not only keep them loyal, it will keep them safe.