

Disinfection of Appliances and other Equipment

Every hairdressing appliance, brush and item of equipment shall be cleaned, after use on each customer, to remove hair and other foreign material and shall be washed, after use on each customer, in water and detergent at a temperature of at least 43°C. Electrical clippers, shavers and any other appliances or instruments with non-detachable parts shall be cleaned by first thoroughly brushing the teeth with a clean brush to remove hair and then wiping the blades with a clean cotton wool/cloth saturated with a disinfection fluid.

Supply of Refreshments

Where refreshments (tea, coffee etc) are served to customers, all utensils used are to be effectively cleaned and rendered hygienic. Single service disposable utensils are highly recommended.

Storage

Clean, dust-proof storage is to be provided for towels, etc. No materials or equipment other than those used for hairdressing should be stored in the service area. When not in use, all appliances, tools and equipment shall be kept in containers or cabinets provided for the purpose. Rubbish and cut hair is to be stored in washable containers with a lid which must be emptied at least once a day. A rubbish bin mounted on a holder with a self closing lid is acceptable



HELPFUL HINTS

- Wash hands before working and between clients
- Keep any sores, scratches etc. Clean and covered
- Dispense creams using single serve spatulas
- Use an approved disinfectant containing alcohol, quaternary ammonium or chlorine. Always use as per manufacturers' instructions on the label.
- When using alcohol on surfaces other than non-porous materials, contact time should be observed: between 1 to 3 minutes after proper cleaning depending on the type of disinfectant.
- Alcohol may be sprayed onto porous or absorbent surfaces after cleaning, with contact time on the surface of the item for at least 1 minute.
- Bleach is an effective disinfectant for all purposes in a salon. Bleach solutions should be mixed daily as per manufacturer's instructions and kept in a closed container, not exposed to sunlight. – Important – Contact time should be observed as bleach may affect the long-term use of some objects. Not recommended leaving items in bleach solution beyond 2 minutes for effective disinfection.
- When buying disinfectants and cleaners always buy products which give a clear indication of ingredient content and the percentage thereof.
- All bottles and containers used to application of disinfectant should be properly labelled, stating contents, percentage solution and date mixed.

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HAIRDRESSING PREMISES



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INTRODUCTION

Under the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980 the contracted Wanganui District Council Environmental Health Officer is required inspect and license hairdressing premises and issue Certificates of Registration. This applies to hairdressers operating in both commercial business or from their own homes for profit or reward. This is a summary of the Regulations which have been prepared to help you set up your hairdressing salon to meet the minimum standards. It should not be seen as a legal document or a substitute for consultation with the Environmental Health Officers.

INTERPRETATION

'Service Area' means that a portion of the hairdresser's shop that is set aside for hairdressing.

'Alcohol' means a mixture of alcohol and water, with or without perfume, and containing in the mixture not less than 69.5% and not more than 70.4% in volume or ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol.

'Disinfecting fluid' means

- A) Alcohol as defined above or
- B) Any quaternary ammonium compound that, in a solution containing one part in 500 weight to volume has a sterilising effect at least equal to alcohol or
- C) Any non-irritant disinfecting solution that has a disinfecting action at least equal to either of the foregoing

STANDARDS FOR THE PREMISES

Registration

No person shall use any premises as a hairdressing shop unless they are registered by the Local Authority and are the holder of a current Certificate of Registration in accordance with the Health (Registration of premises)

Regulations 1966. No person shall permit any premises to be used as a hairdresser's shop unless the following requirements are met;

Space

- The floor shall be sufficient to permit easy cleaning
- Every room in which customers are attended to, shall have a floor area of at least 2.3 square metres for each customer, who can be attended to at the same time as any other customer.
- Service chairs used for hair-cutting shall be at least 1.5 metres apart, measure from centre to centre.
- Where customers awaiting attention are admitted to the service area, and additional 0.9 square metres of floor space for each person shall be provided.

Floors

The floors where hair is cut or washed shall be covered with a smooth, durable material that is impervious to water. Coving between floor and walls is recommended.

Walls and Ceilings

- Areas where walls are like to be "wetted" or "fouled" are to be covered with a smooth, durable material that is impervious to water, eg. serotone.
- All other walls and ceiling shall have a non-absorbent easily cleaned surface eg. Paint or washable vinyl wallpaper.

Shelves, Benches, Tables

Shelves, benches or tables on which tools or instruments are to be placed shall be finished with a smooth, durable material that is impervious to water, eg. formica, melteca etc. All other shelving and inside cupboards should be made smooth and easy to clean by applying a paint or polyurethane surface.

Ventilation

- Ventilation shall be sufficient to prevent condensation, excessive moisture and ensure the removal of objectionable odours and fumes.

- If sufficient natural ventilation is not available, adequate mechanical ventilation is required.

Basins, Troughs, Sinks

Separate washing facilities are required to allow staff to:

- Wash their hands
- Cleanse customer's hair
- Clean hairdressing equipment
- Wash staff cups and utensils
- Launder towels etc (if done on premises)

Hand-Wash Basins

At least one hand-wash basin shall be installed in the service area for every 10 chairs used for hair cutting and must be within six metres of each chair.

This is in addition to the one adjacent to the toilet. Hot and cold running water, soap, nailbrush and clean towels are required. Single-use paper towels are recommended.

Shampoo Basins/Troughs

In every hairdresser's shop where hair is cleaned, there are to be sufficient shampoo and basins or troughs supplied with hot and cold water used exclusively for shampooing and cleansing hair.

Cleansing of hairdressing equipment

A sink supplied with hot and cold running water shall be provided for the cleansing of all hairdressing tools and equipment. These can be situated anywhere in the service room or elsewhere – but not installed in any room used by staff as a meal room.

Sink for Staff Utensils

A sink with hot and cold running water, bench and suitable electrical appliance for boiling water for tea, coffee etc will be necessary in a separate room

Laundry Tub

Should laundering take place on the premises an additional separate room with a tub for discharge of the washing machine water will be required. Clothes dryer must be vented to the outside air.