

Nail Service Safety Guide

Licenses

- ☑ Salon is licensed (green license)
- ☑ Practitioner is licensed (blue license)
- ☑ Inspection report is posted and you have reviewed it. A salon that was in compliance with licensure laws and health and sanitation regulations at the time of inspection will not have violations for:
 - Unlicensed practitioners;
 - Failing to disinfect nail instruments;
 - Reusing single-use items; and
 - Failing to disinfect pedicure basins.

Questions to Ask

How do you clean nail instruments?

Answer: After every client they are cleaned with soap and water and then immersed in disinfectant for 10 minutes and rinsed.

How do you clean your pedicure equipment?

Answer: After every client the basin is first cleaned with soap and water and then rinsed. The basin is then filled with water and liquid disinfectant (approximately 7 ½ cups bleach or an EPA-registered disinfectant used according to the manufacturer's directions) and circulated for 10 minutes.

FAQ

Why does it matter that the practitioner is licensed?

Licensed practitioners have received Board approved training and are knowledgeable in proper infection control practices.

Why would a nail salon reuse instruments and files and not disinfect the pedicure basins?

Because cleaning and disinfecting takes time which cuts into profits. Not using disinfectant increases profits. It takes approximately ½ gallon of bleach to disinfect the average size pedicure basin. Files, buffers and pumice stones are also reused to increase profits.

Tips

Pedicure Basins

- Spraying the basin with a cleaner or disinfectant spray and wiping it out is not the proper procedure for cleaning and disinfecting after each client.
- If the basin has a jet, ask the practitioner to disassemble it so you can examine it. Signs that the basin and jet have not been cleaned and disinfected include a grating sound when the jet is opened (foot scrub residue) and visible hair, product or debris in the jet assembly.

Nail Instruments

- Ask to see the instruments before they are used on you. Examine them for nail clippings and nail dust.

Single-Use Items

- Examine all items before they are used on you.
- Used nail files will have white lines and/or nail dust.
- Used pumice stones will have dead skin and product residue.
- Used flip flops will have a foot impression or dirt on the sole.

Prohibited Items

- Credo Blades or other razor type devices that remove calluses may not be used.

Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Ask if the salon and the practitioner are licensed;
- Request a licensed practitioner perform your service;
- View the inspection report;
- Ask how instruments and pedicure basins are cleaned and disinfected;
- Ask that your instruments and pedicure basin be cleaned and disinfected if they appear dirty;
- Request new single-use items be used on you; and
- Report any violation to the Board.

Manicure Services

- ☑ Practitioner washes hands before service;
- ☑ A clean towel or paper is placed on the workstation;
- ☑ Clean nail nippers and pushers are used;
- ☑ Nail files and buffers are brand new and show no evidence of prior use; and
- ☑ Product is dispensed from labeled containers.

Pedicure Services

- ☑ You have not shaved your legs in the past 24 hours (freshly shaved legs can allow bacteria to enter your body);
- ☑ You have no open sores or cuts on your feet or legs;
- ☑ Practitioner washes hands prior to service;
- ☑ The basin has been properly cleaned and disinfected;
- ☑ If the basin has a disposable liner and a magnetic jet, a clean and disinfected jet is used;
- ☑ Clean nail nippers and pushers are used;
- ☑ Files, buffers and pumice stones are brand new and show no evidence of prior use;
- ☑ Product is dispensed from labeled containers; and
- ☑ Flip-flops are new.

Blood Exposure

If you are cut, or your practitioner cuts themselves, the practitioner is required to stop the service and do the following:

- ☑ Put on gloves;
- ☑ Clean the cut with an antiseptic;
- ☑ Place a bandage over the cut;
- ☑ Clean and disinfect instruments exposed to blood;
- ☑ Disinfect the workstation; and
- ☑ Double-bag and dispose of contaminated items.

Questions or Concerns If your practitioner is not following proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures or you are injured during a service, you should notify the salon owner and file a complaint with the Kansas Board of Cosmetology. Complaint forms can be found on the Board's website at www.kansas.gov/kboc.

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