

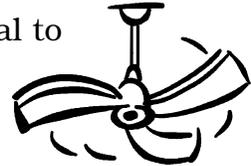
Norwood Health Department

Nail Salon Safety:

How to protect yourself and your clients

Ventilation, ventilation, ventilation

Proper installation and maintenance of ventilation system is vital to the indoor air quality. Many chemicals used in nail salons evaporate at room temperature; in addition particles may be come airborne by filing.



Check your chemicals

1. Methyl methacrylate (MMA) is illegal and has serious health effects such as asthma, or cause skin, eye and respiratory irritation. It has also been linked to birth defects when used by pregnant women.



2. Read and follow label instructions. Any secondary (in-house) containers must be labeled with the products name, physical hazards, health hazards and effects.



3. Check the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). They must be onsite and available to employees. Follow storage and usage instruction on MSDS

Protect yourself: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Use tongs; wear chemical resistant gloves and long sleeves to protect skin from exposure. Use well fitted dust masks when filing. Train employees on how and when to use PPE.



Cleaning & Sanitizing

Many areas can breed bacteria, fungi and viruses including your own hands.

1. Make sure all hand-washing sinks have mounted soap, paper towel and a covered waste bin near by. Practitioners need to wash their hands after each service and every client.
2. Clean and sanitize all tools and tables between each client.
3. The recommend sanitizer is Bleach. Mix one part bleach to ten parts water. Follow the instructions in 240 CMR 3.03(17)(c)*



Remember a safe establishment is a prosperous establishment. Nothing kills business more than a case of infection. By following some of these simple guidelines you and your customers will be happy and healthy.

Any complaints received by the Norwood Health Department will be investigated by an unannounced inspection.

*The Board of Registration of Cosmetologist Rules and Regulations governs all nail salons and said establishment must meet all requirements.