



Sanitation for Hairdressing Services

- Hair must be swept after each service and disposed of in an enclosed garbage container.
- Clean towels must be kept separate from soiled ones. Clean towels may be kept in a cupboard, in a drawer or on a shelf.
- Combs and brushes must be disinfected after every use. Clean combs and brushes must be kept separately from soiled ones and must be covered. Clean brushes and combs can be kept in a drawer, at the station, in a zip lock bag, or in a clean plastic container. The inspector must be able to observe that clean brushes and combs are available for use on each client. That they are separated from soiled ones, and that an ongoing system is in place for their regular cleaning and disinfectant.
- It is possible to have a “hair free” salon or brushes/combs that are completely hair free. However, when a brush/comb contains a build up of hair or when it is obvious that the same brush/comb has been used on several clients – often obvious by several different hair colors and textures of hair in the brush, this is a sanitation violation.
- Utility trays containing rollers, perm rods, etc., also cannot be expected to be hair free. A sanitation violation occurs when the tray has a build up of hair and has not been regularly cleaned.
- Blow dryers, curling irons and clippers are often neglected. It is important that these items be cleaned on a regular basis and not contains a build up of hair or product.
- Shampoo sinks should received regular attention and attempts should be made to clean rust and colour stains. There should not be a build up of hair in the plugs and drains of the sink.
- Wax pots must remain covered without wax spills. Double dipping is NOT permitted.
- Disinfectant jars may be kept at individual stations or the salon may choose to use a central collection system – collecting all the brushes and combs at the one place and disinfecting them on a daily basis.
- Washrooms must be kept in a clean and sanitary manner and must contain liquid soap and paper towel/clean terrycloth’s for each client.
- Each salon may have a maximum of two sanitation violations and still pass the inspection. Less than two sanitation violations means that on an overall basis the salon is in good shape and being kept in a satisfactory manner but there are a couple of things that need improvement. There is an exception to the two-sanitation violation rule. A salon will automatically fail the sanitation portion of the inspection with improper or non-use of an approved disinfectant and when there is not evidence of a system that allows the use of clean brush / comb on each client as described in proceeding paragraphs.

License Inspection

- A Salon will fail the licensing portion of the inspection when they cannot verify that everyone providing cosmetology services has either a valid work permit or a current license. The salon registration must also be current. A work permit is required for students who have completed their training and are awaiting examination and when a service provider has moved to Nova Scotia and is awaiting examination.
- A salon will also fail the licensing portion of the inspection if a Junior(s) is not being properly supervised.
- The *Cosmetology Act* allows the inspector to ask to see the appointment book and this is done in every salon. The appointment book can be in the form of traditional book or a computer program. The inspector is allowed to ask for a computer print out of the appointment book or may ask for a photocopy of a traditional book. The inspector may also remove the appointment book temporarily for the purpose of making a photocopy. This practice allows the inspector to verify who is working in the salon and to verify the Junior(s) are being properly supervised.