

Beauty Services: Health and Hygiene

INFORMATION SHEET



MOUNT BARKER
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All businesses providing beauty and skin penetration services are required to take practical steps to ensure the safety and hygiene of their premises, practices and equipment to prevent the spread of infection and disease.

Businesses offering beauty services such as body piercing, waxing, manicures/pedicures, electrolysis, microdermabrasion, acupuncture/dry needling, micropigmentation, semi-permanent tattooing or any other procedure which may break the skin are required to comply with the SA Health Guidelines on the Safe and Hygienic Practice of Skin Penetration. These standards provide important information and guidance on infection control, cleanliness, disinfection and sterilisation of equipment, and operator health and hygiene.

The following infection control techniques and procedures can help to reduce the risk of infection for staff and clients:

- Wash hands immediately before and after attending a client and before resuming a procedure if interrupted (e.g. answering the telephone)
- Wear clean disposable gloves when contact with blood or bodily fluid is likely (i.e. for all skin penetration procedures)
- Use fittings and equipment that have been properly cleaned and sterilised before use; alternatively use single-use disposable implements
- Maintain the premise in a clean and hygienic state
- Keep your clothing clean and have no exposed cuts, abrasions or wounds
- Handle and dispose of sharps appropriately
- Consider being vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Businesses should keep client records to allow for follow up should a disease outbreak investigation be required. This should include client's personal details including name, address and phone number, and the date, time and details of procedure.

Council's Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) are authorised under the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 to inspect and monitor premises providing hairdressing and beauty services.

Depending on the services provided by the business, EHOs may conduct once-off or ongoing routine inspections. EHOs also investigate and respond to complaints received from the public regarding health and hygiene practices of businesses.

NOTIFICATION

All beauty and skin penetration businesses must notify Council of their ownership details, location, and services. Please visit the [Beauty Business Notification](#) page on the Council website to submit your notification.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Guidelines for personal care and body art services are available on the [SA Health website](#). Additional information can also be found on the Council [website](#).

For assistance, contact Council's Environmental Health team on 8391 7200 or council@mountbarker.sa.gov.au