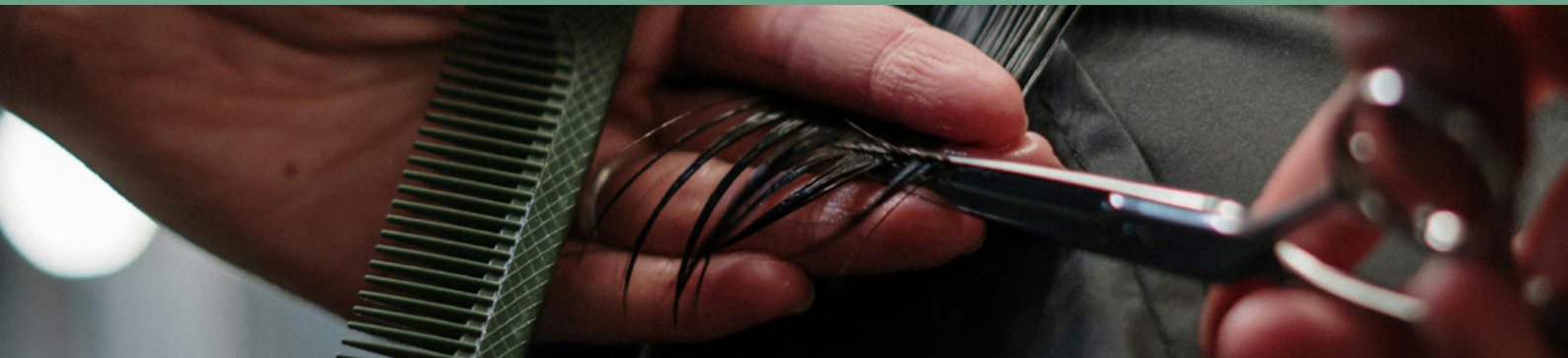


Hairdressing: Health and Hygiene

INFORMATION SHEET



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All businesses providing hairdressing 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.

Hairdressing businesses are required to comply with the SA Health Standards of Practice for Hairdressing. These standards provide important information and guidance on infection control, cleanliness, disinfection, and operator health and hygiene.

Hairdressers offering skin penetration procedures such as body piercing, waxing or nail services have additional responsibilities for infection control under the SA Health Guidelines on the Safe and Hygienic Practice of Skin Penetration. Infections can occur during hairdressing procedures through accidental piercing of the skin with equipment such as razors, scissors, combs, clippers and hairpins. Blood and body fluids do not have to be visible for infection to occur.

The following steps can help to reduce the risk of infection for staff and clients:

- All equipment must be cleaned and or sterilised to a level appropriate for their intended use.
- Any item dropped on the floor must be cleaned and dried, or discarded.
- Work areas, fittings and furniture should be suitably constructed and easily cleaned.
- A basin with hot and cold water supplied through a single outlet, plus soap or detergent, and disposable paper towels should be provided in the immediate area where hairdressing is undertaken.
- Where drinking glasses, cups, dishes and cutlery are used, a dishwasher or sink with hot and cold water and dishwashing detergent is required.
- Clean linen must be provided for each client and clean and soiled linen must be stored separately to avoid cross contamination.
- A suitable rubbish bin must be provided for the containment of soiled tissues, paper, swabs, disposable products and other wastes.
- If a person is accidentally cut by scissors, clippers or other sharp implement, apply pressure to the wound with a dry sterile disposable dressing until the bleeding has stopped and avoid contact with blood or body fluid. Decontaminate or dispose of the implement and wash hands thoroughly. Record the incident in a diary/logbook.

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