



# Body Art, Beauty and Nail Industries

## Guide for Cleaning and Disinfection of Reusable Instruments and Equipment

For further reference on the cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation of used items, see *AS/NZS 4815:2001 Office-based, health-care facilities not involved in complex patient procedures and processes - Cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment, and maintenance of the associated environment*. It provides clear instructions for all steps in the processing of reusable high, intermediate and low risk instruments.

### High risk beauty therapy equipment - cleaning, disinfection and disposal schedule

	Equipment	Reason	When	How
High Risk	Reusable instruments Tattoo gun	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission.	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint free cloth. Package with chemical indicator and seal. Sterilise.
	Single-use needles	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission.	Dispose of after each client.	Dispose of into a sharps container.
	Tweezers Probes	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission.	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint free cloth. Sterilise if contaminated.
	Lasers	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission.	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint free cloth. Sterilise or disinfect laser parts as appropriate.



## Intermediate risk beauty therapy equipment - cleaning, disinfection and disposal schedule

	Equipment	Reason	When	How
Intermediate Risk	Face brushes - Make-up - Eyebrow - Other	Risk of infection if previous client has skin lesions or infection.	After each client.	Rinse free of lotions, creams and make-up. Wash in warm water and detergent.
	Face sponges			Rinse in hot running water Dry thoroughly.
	Non-immersible equipment: Tattoo guns	Potential for infection	After each client.	Wipe over with cloth dampened in warm water and detergent. Rinse by wiping with cloth dampened in hot water. Dry thoroughly.
	Electrical items			Wipe over with cloth dampened with 70% alcohol solution and allow to dry.
	Reusable muscle stimulator electrodes.			

## Low risk beauty therapy equipment - cleaning, disinfection and disposal schedule

	Equipment	Reason	When	How
Low Risk	Nail clippers/scissors	Potential for infection.	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent.
	Cuticle sticks			Rinse in hot running water.
	Nail burrs			Dry with lint free cloth.
	Nail files			Dispose of or sterilise if contaminated.
	Eyelash curlers	Potential for infection	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent.
	Nail brushes			Rinse in hot running water.
	Nail buffers			Dry with lint free cloth.
	Emery boards			Dispose of or sterilise if contaminated.
	Foot baths	Potential for contamination.	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint free cloth. Use chlorine -based disinfectant (bleach) to disinfect, rinse in hot water and dry with lint free cloth.
	Single use applicators	Potential for infection	After each use.	Dispose of into a clinical or related waste container.



## Low risk beauty therapy equipment - cleaning, disinfection and disposal schedule (cont'd)

	Equipment	Reason	When	How
Low Risk	Bottles/sprays/pump dispensers - Liquid soap - Water - Lotions - Creams - Gels	Potential for contamination	When empty.	Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry thoroughly with lint free cloth before refilling.
	Dye mixing bowls	Potential for contamination	After each client.	Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry thoroughly with lint free cloth before refilling.
	Wax thermometers  Wax pots Reusable wax applicators - Metal - Plastic  Saucepans  Strainers	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission.	After each client.	Remove wax using appropriate solvent for the type of wax. Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint free cloth.
	Nail varnish brushes	Potential for contamination	After each client.	Remove varnish using an appropriate solvent. Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint free cloth.
	Linen - Towels - Gowns - Hair covers - Hair bands - Other  Capes	Potential for infection.  Risk of infection if previous client has neck lesions or infection.	After each client.	Wash in hot water (70-80°C) and detergent. Dry in open air or in clothes dryer on hot setting. Dry as required by type of material.
	Client couch/chair	Potential for contamination and prevents dust accumulating.	After each clients.	Wash with warm water and detergent. Dry thoroughly with lint free cloth.
	Equipment trolley	Prevents dust accumulating and contaminating clean equipment.	Weekly	Use damp cloth to remove dust. Wash with warm water and detergent. Dry thoroughly with cloth before refilling.

Information taken from page 44-47 Health Guidelines for Personal Care and Body Art Industries, Victorian Government Publishing Services (2004), State Government of Victoria.