

Nail Treatments

Definition

Nail Treatments are defined as any of the following: Manicure, Pedicure, Nail Extensions or artificial nails of any kind, or any other treatments involving cutting, or abrading of the nails, nail cuticle, or the skin around the nails of either the hand or the feet. Nail extension treatments shall include any treatment that involves extending the length of the natural nail with any materials, and repair and/or upkeep of nail extensions. Nail Treatments do not include any form of Chiropody carried out by a State Registered Chiropodist.

1. Training

- 1.1 All therapists offering treatments shall be qualified at the current National Occupational Standard issued by one of the OFQUAL/CQF recognised awarding bodies. Copies of qualifications shall be available for inspection at the premises.

2. Records

- 2.1 Written records containing name, address, telephone number, date of treatments and operatives name shall be kept for each client. These shall be kept for a period of at least 2 years and be available for inspection by an authorised officer.
- 2.2 The condition of the client's nails shall be examined prior to any treatment for signs of any contraindications. These shall be noted on the client's record card.
- 2.3 Treatment shall be refused if there is any presence or suspicion of any infection etc.

3. Chemical usage

- 3.1 All substances used in treatments shall be kept in adequately labelled containers. The label must state the name of the chemical/substance stored in the container.
- 3.2 Any products containing Methyl Methacrylate (also known as MMA or Methacrylic Acid) shall not be kept on the premises or used in any nail treatments.
- 3.3 Chemical data sheets shall be obtained for all chemicals used in treatments. A copy of the data sheets shall be retained at the premises for information purposes. All special instructions for storage and use for any chemicals must be complied with.

4. Electric Nail Drills/files

- 4.1 The use of nail drills on a person's own natural nail is prohibited.
- 4.2 Nail drills shall only be used to file away an artificial nail surface. Nail drills shall not be used to file the area where a natural nail is joined to an artificial nail.
- 4.3 Where nail drills are used, only persons who have received specific training in their use and who are competent in their use shall use them. Evidence of such training must be made available to the Council's licensing department.

5. Cleaning

- 5.1 All equipment that is used in treatments shall be scrub-cleaned with detergent and water, and dried using clean disposable paper towels between each treatment. Any equipment that cannot be cleaned in this way shall be single use and disposable.
- 5.2 All reusable equipment shall undergo a suitable and sufficient disinfection process.
- 5.3 All 'clean' items shall be stored in a clean, sealable container until use.
- 5.4 All surfaces used during treatments shall be cleaned with a suitable disinfectant between each client.

6. Ventilation

- 6.1 Where nail extension treatments are carried out, suitable air filtering and extraction must be provided at desk-top level to remove dust and chemicals from the air. Air extraction must be in a downwards direction, away from the area where the treatments are carried out.
- 6.2 Suitable dust and chemical filters must be in place within the filter system. These shall be changed at suitable intervals as recommended by the manufacturer.
- 6.3 All air filtering/extraction equipment shall be maintained in good working order in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.