

More on Safety

We encourage practitioners to review these brochures to keep current on other state regulatory requirements:

- **Client Records: Required**
- **Foot Spa Safety**
- **Stay Away from MMA**

Find brochures at www.oregon.gov/ohla/COS or contact us at (503) 378-8667 or hlo.info@state.or.us to order copies.

The **Health Licensing Office (HLO)** is a state consumer protection office within the Oregon Health Authority. The HLO provides centralized regulatory oversight for multiple volunteer citizen boards of health and related professions.

We help protect Oregon consumers by setting, communicating and enforcing uniform regulatory standards.

The **Board of Cosmetology** consists of six licensed practitioners and one public member. The HLO boards and councils help to set educational and professional scope of practice standards but are not responsible for the HLO central office administration.



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Basic Safety Steps

Follow these basic and **REQUIRED** steps to protect the health and safety of your clients.

By following these steps, you'll be in compliance with state health and safety standards. You'll also avoid potential consumer complaints, civil penalties and license sanctions.

Wash Your Hands

Thorough hand washing with soap and water immediately before and after serving each client is **REQUIRED**.

Using bar soap is **PROHIBITED**.

Hand washing helps to prevent cross contamination via transmission of body fluids or infections, or exposure to service-related wastes or chemicals.

Questions? Contact Us

📞 Call **503-378-8667**

📧 E-mail hlo.info@state.or.us

❓ Or ask the HLO regulatory compliance staff during a **salon inspection**

Disposable Tools

Items not approved for disinfection and reuse **MUST** be disposed of after use on a client, or given to the client. Items include:

- Nail files (formerly *emery boards*)
- Cosmetic sponges
- Buffer blocks (pumice, chamois)
- Sanding bands or sleeves
- Orangewood sticks
- Disposable nail bits

Licensees are **PROHIBITED** from storing used disposable tools (including personal tools) anywhere in the salon.

This requirement is enforced **even if the item is intended for future use on the same client, or even if it is labeled with a client's or licensee's name.**

Tool Storage

DISPOSABLE TOOLS: Store only new/unused disposable items. Disposable items **MUST** be thrown away or given to clients **immediately** after use.

REUSABLE TOOLS: New/unused and cleaned and disinfected items **MUST** be stored separately from used, dirty items.

Storage areas **MUST** be clean for new/unused disposable items as well as for cleaned and disinfected reusable items.

Tools in *direct contact* with clients **MUST** be cleaned and disinfected between use, thrown away, or given to the client.

Reusable Tools

Items that can be cleaned, disinfected and reused **MUST** be approved by the HLO. Contact us if you're not sure if an item is disposable or reusable.

Disinfection

Licensees **MUST completely** immerse reusable items in disinfectant *after* cleaning items *thoroughly*.

Use of **low-level disinfectant** is **REQUIRED** for all tools and implements **without** sharp edges or points.

Use of **high-level disinfectant** is **REQUIRED** for all tools and implements **with** sharp edges or points.

High-level disinfectant **MUST** be labeled as a **tuberculocidal product** and be **EPA-registered**. Low-level disinfectant must be EPA-registered.

Following manufacturer's directions is **REQUIRED**.

