

STANDARD LICENSING CONDITIONS NAIL TREATMENTS

1.0 Definitions

1.1 Nail Treatments

Defined as any, or all, of the following: manicure, pedicure, nail extensions or artificial nails of any kind. Any treatment of the hands, feet, finger nails or toenails which may include scrubbing, massage, cutting, filing, varnishing and cuticle removal.

For the purposes of this COP nail treatments do not include any form of Chiropody carried out by a Chiropodist.

2.0 Chemical usage

2.1 All substances held on the premises and used in the special treatments must be held in properly labelled containers.

2.2 The use of products containing Methyl methacrylate (MMA) is prohibited.

3.0 Electric drills/files

3.1 The use of electric drills/files on a client's natural nail is prohibited.

3.2 Electric drills/files may only be used on the surface of the artificial nail and must not be used to blend the artificial nail to the natural nail.

3.3 Only persons with specific training in the use of electric drills/files, and who are competent in their use, are permitted to use them.

4.0 Client consultation

4.1 A full client consultation must be carried out at the time of a first visit. This should establish any contra-indications to treatment and include a medical history and an assessment of the condition of the hands and nails or feet and toe nails as appropriate. Any reactions to treatment and advice should be noted. A record of subsequent treatments must be kept.

4.2 Aftercare/homecare advice appropriate to treatment must be given.

4.3 Consultation records must be held at the premises **for two years** and available for inspection by an authorised officer; copies of aftercare advice must be available for inspection.

5.0 Infection control

5.1 All reusable metal equipment such as cuticle clippers and cuticle knives must be washed and scrubbed in general purpose detergent (e.g. washing up liquid) and water. The equipment must be dried and sterilized. Best practice is to sterilise equipment in an

autoclave . Where an autoclave is not available chemical sterilisation (**but glutaldehyde is banned**) is acceptable, this must be carried out in accordance with the manufacturers instructions with regard to dilution of any solution and contact time. The equipment should be stored in a clean dry airtight container until use. Any equipment that cannot be either sterilised or disinfected is considered single use and must be disposed of after each client. Used equipment must be stored separate to clean sterilised equipment.

5.2 All work surfaces must be cleaned after each client with a suitable general purpose detergent or disinfectant.

5.3 Towels or couch roll must be changed between clients.

5.4 Nail technicians must wash their hands thoroughly before each client is treated and must either sanitise the clients hands prior to treatment with a suitable skin sanitising product or request them to wash their hands/feet.

6.0 Ventilation

Where nail extensions are carried out suitable air filtering and extraction must be provided to remove dust and chemicals from the air and preferably fitted at work top level. Suitable dust and chemical filters should be fitted and the equipment operated and maintained in good working order in accordance with manufacturers instructions.

7.0 Qualifications

Only therapists approved and registered by the London Borough of Bromley can undertake nail treatments.

8.0 Age

No one under the age of 16 will be permitted to have nail treatments without a parent or guardian being present and signing the consent form.

9.0 Challenge 25 Policy

Any person wishing to be massaged will need to provide proof of their age if they look under 25.

Licensees must advertise this policy so that all clients are aware that they may be challenged about their age if they look under 25.

Proof of age will be either a driving licence or passport XXXX.

Where a challenge is made, it must be recorded and proof age also noted on the client record card.