

Nail Sanitation Procedures

Manicures, pedicures, and artificial nails have become very popular in South Dakota. Licensees must be aware of and always follow proper procedures in order to prevent infections and injuries.

All tools and equipment that come in contact with a client must be cleaned and disinfected before every use – even on the same client.

*Sanitation = Cleaning
Disinfection = Killing Germs*

MANICURES AND ARTIFICIAL NAILS

1. Clean all tools and equipment of all visible residue after every use.
2. After cleaning, completely immerse (enough liquid to completely cover all surfaces of the item) tools and implements in an EPA-registered disinfectant for 10 minutes. (Follow the manufacturer's directions for the correct dilution.)
3. Remove implements from disinfectant using tongs or gloves. Rinse, and then dry.
4. Store clean tools in a closed, clean container.
5. All client work areas, including nail tables and footrests shall be

kept clean at all times. There should be no accumulation of debris such as nail pieces or nail dust.

6. Use a clean towel for each client.
7. Make sure you have a liquid disinfecting solution that is properly diluted at the station at all times. After using a multi-use tool, it shall be cleaned and then placed in the disinfecting solution. If a tool is dropped it cannot be used again until it is disinfected.
8. **Before** providing a service, wash your hands with soap or use a waterless hand sanitizer.
9. Clients' hands and feet shall be cleaned with soap and water or a waterless sanitizer **before** beginning a nail or pedicure service.

Post-service

1. Throw away all disposable supplies in a closed wastebasket. Empty basket as necessary or at least once a day.
2. Clean and disinfect any multi-use implements. Wash used towels.
3. Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid (such as electric files) must be wiped clean of any dust and debris, then **SPRAYED** with a disinfectant, dried, and stored in a clean, closed container.

4. Dirty, soiled equipment, implements, and supplies must be stored in a closed container that is properly labeled and not used until properly cleaned and disinfected.

EPA-registered disinfectant must stop bactericidal, virucidal, and fungicidal activity. Always follow the manufacturer's directions for mixing, use, and disposal.

Electric files

1. Must be wiped off, then sprayed with disinfectant and stored in a closed clean container.
2. Single-use bits such as sanders or arbor bands must be discarded immediately after a single use.
3. Multi-use bits must be cleaned by removing all visible debris then disinfected by complete immersion for 10 minutes in an approved disinfectant, dried with a clean towel, and then stored in a clean, closed container.
4. The electric file and the bits must be stored separately.
5. **Before** using an electric file, the licensee must have 8 hours of education approved by the Commission.

PEDICURE EQUIPMENT

All basins, bowls, and foot spas must be clean and disinfected before each use.

After Each Client:

1. Drain the water and remove all visible residue from the inside of the basin or footbath.
2. Clean surfaces and all areas of the basin with soap or detergent, then rinse with clean water.
3. Disinfect by circulating an EPA-registered disinfectant (with bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal efficacy) solution that is properly diluted for 10 minutes.
4. Rinse well and wipe dry with a clean towel.

At the End of Each Day of Use:

1. Remove screen.
2. Clean the screen and the area behind the screen with soap and water to remove all visible residue.
3. Replace the screen.
4. Fill the basin with warm water and chelating soap. Circulate the solution through the unit for 5 to 10 minutes. Drain and rinse.

Next:

1. Fill the basin with clean water and the correct amount of EPA registered disinfectant. Circulate the solution through the foot spa system for 10 minutes.
2. Turn the unit off. Let the solution remain in the basin for at least 6 to 10 hours.
3. In the morning, before the first client, drain and flush the system with clean and clear water.
4. Keep records of pedicure equipment cleaning and disinfecting.

Remember, cutting calluses, ingrown toenails, and skin is not allowed. Blades and callus shavers cannot be used.

If you have questions about a nail salon or state sanitation regulations, please contact the South Dakota Cosmetology Commission, 500 E Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 at 605-773-6193 or email cosmetology@state.sd.us www.state.sd.us/dol/boards/cos.

Waxing – Nail technicians cannot do waxing services in South Dakota. Only cosmetologists and estheticians can do waxing services.

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A Licensee Guide To Nail and Pedicure Safety and Sanitation Procedures

This pamphlet is designed to aid licensees in making informed decisions when seeking cosmetology related services.

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