

## Work Stations

- **Cleanliness** should be practiced at the salon and all workstations must be clean and free of dust and debris.
- **Disposable files** must be new and unused for each client.
- **Disposable tools**, such as orange sticks, sponges, white block, etc. must be thrown away after use in a covered trash container.
- **Multi-use tools**, such as metal tools, must be cleaned, properly disinfected and stored in a clean container ready for the next client.
- **A clean towel** should be used for each client.
- **Disinfectant** should be on every table and used by the licensed technician throughout the service.
- **Adequate ventilation.**  
An over-whelming smell of acrylic nails or remover is a sign of inadequate ventilation.



**Products containing liquid methyl methacrylate monomers (MMA) cannot be used in South Dakota.**

How can you tell if it is being used?

1. a powerful and unusually sweet odor.
2. hard and difficult to file acrylic nails.
3. acrylic nails that will not soak off in solvents designed to remove acrylics.

## Licenses

- All nail services must be performed in a state-licensed salon with state-licensed practitioners.
- Practitioners must post their original licenses at their work stations. **No photocopies.**
- Unlicensed activity is against South Dakota Law and should be reported to the Cosmetology Commission.

**If you do not see a license posted in the salon, discontinue your services.**

## Pedicures

### Before services:

- You should not shave your legs at least 24 hours before the pedicure. Do not have a pedicure if you have open sores or cuts on your legs.
- All pedicure equipment must be clean and disinfected – including basins and bowls.
- Inform the technician if you are diabetic, have a peripheral vascular disease or are taking any blood-thinning medication.
- Before a whirlpool footbath, ask if the screen was removed, cleaned and disinfected within the last 24 hours. A disinfectant should also have been circulated and flushed through the whirlpool system for at least 10 minutes.

## Other Services

- **Cutting calluses, ingrown toenails, and skin is not allowed.** Blades or callus shavers cannot be used.
- **Electric files** are legal, but cannot be used on skin. The drill bits of the electrical file should be CLEAN and free of debris and dirt. The bits must be stored in a closed, clean container.



- **Waxing.** Nail technicians cannot perform waxing services in South Dakota. Waxing services can only be done by licensed cosmetologists and estheticians.
- **Services should not be done if** there is an infection (fungus, mold), communicable disease (athlete's foot, eczema) or other unhealthy condition present.
- **If an accidental cut should occur,** the technician must follow the blood spill procedure in their first aid kit.

**Everything must be clean, including your hands or feet and the licensee's hands.**

## Our Goal

The South Dakota Cosmetology Commission sets high professional standards to ensure South Dakota consumers are protected from injury and disease when they enter a state-licensed salon. Salons are inspected annually to ensure compliance with state regulations for safety.

It is also important that consumers be aware of the safety requirements in order to protect their health.



## Services

- Before starting, ask the licensee about the disinfection processes.
- The licensee's hands must be washed or sanitized before touching a client's hands or feet.
- Your hands or feet must be either washed or sanitized before any nail service.

**If you are not comfortable with what you see in a salon, the best thing to do is leave. Services should not hurt, injure or put you at risk of infection.**

## After service

- Equipment must be thoroughly washed, disinfected and stored in a closed, clean container before being used again.
- Soiled tools must be stored separately from clean tools in labeled containers.
- All work areas including tables and footrests must be clean at all times.

**The disinfectant used should be EPA-registered and stop bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal activity.**



If you have questions about a nail salon or state sanitation regulations, please contact:

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**Nail technicians and salon owners not in compliance with state requirements may face revocation of their licensure.**

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## Make Informed Decisions

A Consumer Guide to  
Nail and Pedicure Services

This pamphlet is designed to aid consumers in making informed decisions when performing cosmetology related services.



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