

## Health & Safety Practices - Hair

### Hairstylists & Barbers

- Sanitize all implements prior to each service by removing all visible debris and dirt by cleansing with antibacterial soap, warm water and a scrub brush, dry with a disposable towel
- Compressed air is effective for the removal of residual hair from clippers and electrical appliances
- Use an ultrasonic unit or solvent on metal bits
- Disinfect implements (ie. combs, brushes, scissors) by completely immersing in a disinfectant solution or 10% bleach solution for the time specified on the product label
- To disinfect fine cutting implements or electrical appliances, rub surface with a cotton pad dampened with 70% Ethyl Alcohol or 99% Isopropyl Alcohol
- Place all disinfected tools in a dry container, UV Sanitizer or Dry Sanitizer until ready to use
- Sanitize and disinfect all bowls and multi use equipment immediately after use, dry with a disposable towel and store properly
- Use disposable neck strips between the client's neck and cape or gown, never allow the client's skin to touch the cape or gown
- Sterilize reusable straight razor by using a steam autoclave or 100% undiluted bleach for 30 minutes
- Use antiseptic and disposable gauze to treat minor cuts and abrasions
- The common use of styptic pencils and shaving mugs is prohibited
- Powder or liquid forms of antiseptics are acceptable; use a disposable applicator to remove product from its container if contact with the skin is required
- Always wear protective, vinyl gloves when applying chemical product
- Always use a protective barrier cream on the client's hairline before applying perm solution, change the cotton batting around the hairline often, never allow the cotton to remain damp on the client's skin
- If dripping of any chemical product occurs immediately wash the skin with warm soapy water
- Discard any unused product that has been removed from its container