



The Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board

Facility and Infection Control Standards

General Sanitation OAC 4713-15-01

At all times, except for the period during which a licensee or boutique services registration holder performs a service and prepares the service area for the next patron, the licensed or permitted facility shall be clean and maintained in accordance with the infection control procedures outlined in this chapter. Used and/or unclean equipment and implements shall be stored separate and apart from clean items, and must be properly cleaned and disinfected prior to use.

Infection Control Standards for Licensees under ORC 4709. OAC 4713-15-18

All individuals and businesses licensed or practicing under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code shall comply with the infection control provisions set forth in this chapter. In addition, individuals licensed or practicing under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code are subject to the following provisions:

(A) The use of a neck duster is prohibited. The possession of a neck duster, other than one displayed for decorative purposes, shall serve as prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule.

(B) The head rest of a barber chair shall be covered with a freshly laundered towel or fresh paper for each patron.

Animals in Salons OAC 4713-1-09

Animals, with the exception of fish in an aquarium maintained in a sanitary condition, service animals as defined in rule 4713-1-01 of the Administrative Code, and pets that have received an exemption, are not permitted in a cosmetology salon, barbershop, tanning facility, cosmetology or barber school, or in the offices of the board.

Signs OAC 4713-1-12

Every salon, barbershop, school, or tanning facility licensed or permitted by the Board shall have a sign stating in English the name of the business as submitted in the salon, barbershop, school, or tanning facility's application to the board. A barbershop may display a "barber pole", as described in division (G) of section 4709.01 of the Revised Code, in lieu of a sign.

Water Supply / Waste Disposal and Restrooms OAC 4713-11-03 & 05

Each salon or barbershop shall provide a safe, adequate supply of hot and cold running water and proper plumbing. All liquid and solid waste shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner to avoid creation of health hazards, rodent harborages, and insect breeding. Solid waste shall be collected or disposed of at least once a week. All salons and barbershops shall have at least one restroom including a toilet, hand-washing sink, soap dispenser, solid waste container and paper towel dispenser or equipment for hand drying. Restrooms shall be kept sanitary and functional at all times.

Storage of Chemicals OAC 4713-11-06

All chemicals used in the practice of barbering or a branch of cosmetology shall be stored in a safe location that is not readily accessible to customers and/or members of the public.

Exhaust Fumes OAC 4713-11-09

All licensed salons and barbershops shall have properly maintained exhaust fans or air filtration equipment that meets local and state building codes.

Non-Cosmetology Services, Retail Product Sales OAC 4713-11-10, 12 4713-13-09

All licensees from other Ohio professional regulatory boards can work in salons and shops provided all laws and rules of their governing boards are followed. Salons and barbershops may offer legal, unregulated services and/or retail any legal merchandise if all laws and rules are followed.

Methods of Disinfection OAC 4713-15-02

Any implements to be used on any patrons shall be properly sanitized and then disinfected. All chemicals used for disinfection shall meet the definition of "appropriate disinfectant" found in rule 4713-1-01 of the Administrative Code, and shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Disinfection of implements and spills; blood and body fluids OAC 4713-15-03 (A)

Disinfectants are inactivated and ineffective when the implement to be disinfected is visibly contaminated with debris, hair, dirt, oils, particulates, and/or when heavily soiled. Thus, non-porous implements and all salon surfaces shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to disinfection.

(1) All used non-porous implements shall first be cleaned with warm, soapy/detergent water of dirt, debris, and or bodily fluids, and then disinfected by completely immersing in an appropriate disinfectant. A clean, covered container of adequate size shall be used for the wet disinfectant.

(2) All salon surfaces shall be thoroughly cleaned and then disinfected with an appropriate disinfectant before beginning a service.

(3) Disinfectants shall be prepared fresh at least daily. Disinfectants shall be prepared more than once a day if the solution becomes diluted or soiled.

(4) To ensure proper disinfection, non-porous implements and surfaces shall remain in contact with the appropriate disinfectant for the contact time recommended by the manufacturer, or for at least ten minutes if using a bleach solution.

(B) Porous implements shall be discarded after each use, and shall not be cleaned or disinfected for reuse.

(C) All bottles and/or containers other than the original manufacturers' container used for application of an appropriate disinfectant shall be properly labeled as to the contents.

Disinfection of implements and spills; blood and body fluids OAC 4713-15-03 Cont.

(D) All spills of blood and/or bodily fluids shall be cleaned as soon as possible and disinfected with an appropriate disinfectant.

(1) Nonporous, single-use gloves shall be used to pick up waste.

(2) Any towel, cloth, or other item used to clean a spill of blood or bodily fluids shall be discarded by placing in double bags, or in a biohazard container.

(3) Any clothing affected by the spill shall be removed prior to returning to work.

(4) Any mops, brushes, buckets, or similar items used to clean the spill area shall be disinfected by immersing in a bleach solution mixed and used in accordance with rule 4713-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

(E) Any unused porous items shall be stored in a closed, dustproof cabinet, drawer, or container.

Shampoo Bowls OAC 4713-15-04

After each use, all shampoo bowls, shampoo boards, and any other items used for shampooing shall be cleaned of hair and other debris and then shall be disinfected using an appropriate disinfectant.

Proper Protection of the Neck OAC 4713-15-05

No cape or similar article shall be placed directly against the neck of a patron. A licensee or boutique services registration holder shall use a paper neck band or a clean towel to prevent the cape or other similar article from coming into direct contact with a patron. No neck band of paper or cloth shall be used more than once. No towels shall be used more than once without proper laundering as described in rule 4713-15-11 of the Administrative Code.

Use of Styptics, Cream, Powder and Solutions OAC 4713-15-06,07,09

All creams and other semi-solid substances; except for products that are dispensed from a pump, squeeze, or spray container, shall be removed from containers with a disposable spatula or a non-porous spatula that has been cleaned and disinfected with an appropriate disinfectant. Styptics to arrest bleeding shall be used only in liquid or powder form, and shall be applied by a single-use, disposable item. All powder shall be dispensed from a shaker or similar container and shall be applied with a single-use, disposable item, or a clean towel. No towels shall be used more than once without proper laundering as described in rule 4713-15-11 of the Administrative Code.

Walls and Floors OAC 4713-15-10

At all times, walls, floors, ceilings, and fixtures shall be maintained in a safe condition, and kept reasonably free from hair, dirt and debris, except for the period during which a licensee performs a service and prepares the service area for the next patron. Floor covering shall be totally nonabsorbent and shall extend at least in a three foot radius from the center of any styling or shampoo service chair or pedicure unit. For any service where a client removes shoes and socks, the salon shall provide single-use, disposable socks or sandals to prevent the client's bare feet from touching the floor, unless the client chooses to bring and wear their own socks or sandals.

Proper Laundering OAC 4713-15-11

All cloth towels, robes, and similar items, except for those exposed to blood or body fluids as described in paragraph (D2) of rule 4713-15-03 of the Administrative Code, shall be laundered through a commercial laundry service or onsite, in a washing machine with laundry detergent used according to manufacturer's directions. Laundering shall be completed using hot water, and laundered items shall be dried prior to use. A hamper or receptacle with solid sides shall be provided for all soiled towels and linens.

Contagious/Communicable Diseases OAC 4713-15-13

Licensees and boutique registration holders shall not perform a service on a client who has visible swelling, eruption, redness, bruising on skin, rash, or a parasitic infestation in the area where a service is to be performed without written permission from a physician. A licensee or boutique services registration holder who has visible swelling, eruption, redness, bruising on skin, rash, or a parasitic infestation shall not practice cosmetology or a branch of cosmetology, or otherwise provide a service in a salon without written permission from a physician.

Equipment Sanitation OAC 4713-15-15

(A) Salons shall maintain a copy of the manufacturer's/owner's manual for all equipment in service and shall follow the manufacturer's suggestions for cleaning.

(B) Pedicure units, including those that provide circulating, whirlpool or vacuum effects, and all removable parts shall be cleaned and disinfected after each use. Such equipment shall also be flushed and maintained as recommended by its manufacturer.

(C) Electrically heated equipment shall first be cleaned to remove any hair or debris, and may then be disinfected by either using the heat source of the electric equipment in the manner suggested by the equipment manufacturer, or by following the procedure for disinfecting electrical equipment described in paragraph (D) of this rule.

(D) Any other electrical equipment, including trimmers, clippers and attachments shall be cleaned and disinfected after each use. Such equipment shall be disinfected by cleaning the equipment with an implement or other tool to remove foreign matter, and then saturating the equipment with, or immersing in, an appropriate disinfectant.

(E) Any implement or tool used to clean electrical equipment shall be cleaned of foreign matter and then disinfected with an appropriate disinfectant.

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