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# SANITATION AND INFECTION CONTROL UPDATES

The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology provides these periodic updates on issues of sanitation and infection control as they pertain to our industry. Our inspectors are reporting some recent problems in the area of the law which governs "Single Use Items" and we would like to address these issues and advise all of our licensees specifically what the law states.

### **NAC 644.340 states:**

**"Single use items must not be used on more than one client and must be disposed of after use on a client".**

Our inspection staff reports that there is a growing concern relating to violations of the above regulation in the re-using of nail files and buffers. These items which are made of materials which cannot be disinfected must be discarded after use on the client. If the file or buffer is made of metal, glass, hard plastic or a similar material which can be disinfected then they should be cleaned and disinfected per regulation after each use. If not made from these types of materials they must be discarded after each use.

A second area of concern is the re-using of wax sticks. During a wax service you dip the instrument into the wax pot and apply the wax to the clients' skin. Once that stick touches the clients' skin you can not then re-dip the same instrument/stick into the wax pot as it has been contaminated by touching the client.

**Violations of these regulations which govern sanitation and infection control can result in a citation and a fine of \$100 per occurrence. For a second occurrence the person responsible will be called before the Board for a disciplinary hearing.**

Both of these scenarios have the inherent capabilities to spread infection in the salon environment. **As you know The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology has a primary focus on protecting the safety and well being of the citizens of Nevada.** Our inspectors will be paying particularly close attention to these issues as we complete our inspections and we look forward to full cooperation from our salon establishments and licensees as we continue to provide a safe environment for the consumers in our state.

**Best wishes to all of our licensees for a healthy, happy and prosperous summer.**