Salon Cleaning Checklist

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Personal hygiene

Your hands come into contact with many items a day in a salon, as well as other people's hair and skin. This could pose a big risk to health if you don't regularly clean your hands and follow these personal hygiene tips.

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Ensure soap dispensers are installed and wash hands with warm water and soap regularly throughout the day and in between clients.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Make hand sanitiser available for staff and clients as it provides further protection against cross infection.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Disposable gloves should be worn when cutting, styling hair or dealing with clients.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Wear personal protective clothing – such as polythene aprons or face masks – when applicable and change these in between clients.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

For more information on personal hygiene, refer to our Hand Hygiene blog.

Work surfaces

You need to keep all work surfaces and trolleys clean to prevent infection. It will also make your salon look a lot better too.

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Disinfect your surfaces and trolleys with wipes or a spray. This removes bacteria and fine dust. When it comes to cleaning your trolleys, use alcohol free disinfectant wipes, which are designed for cleaning plastics.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Phones, tills and keyboards should also be wiped clean with disinfectant too.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

If you have a large salon buy these products in bulk, saving you money in the long run.

Floors

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Floors should be swept between each client and mopped with a mop, bucket and floor cleaner at the end of each day.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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Needles

Tattoo parlours and piercing studios should be inspected by Public Health once a year, so for health and safety reasons you need to keep the place suitably clean.

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
New sterile needles for every client. Sharing needles will transmit infections such as Hepatitis C.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Disposable gloves – ideally nitrile gloves and vinyl gloves – should be changed after seeing each client and when cleaning and prepping your work area.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Try not to reuse ink and ink pots. A good artist will use disposable cups filled with the right amount of ink.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Corks, razors, markers, swabs, cotton, bibs, stencil paper and other supplies should only be used once per client and then thrown away.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sterilise equipment before using, in an autoclave.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Your work area should be cleaned with a disinfectant.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
When dealing with blood, use patient wipes and specialist body fluid cleaners and body fluid spill kits.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Always remember to dispose of your needles in a sharps bin.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Hair removal – hairdressers

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Sweep floors after each haircut. A pile of hair on the floor can be slippery, which automatically makes it a hazard. Sweep it under workstations with a brush or use a dustpan and brush before depositing it in the bin.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Clean all tools of excess hair. Brushes, combs and clippers will need cleaning between clients. Remember to disinfect them using disinfectant spray – as well as soaking the tools in a sterilisation fluid or place them in sterilisation pouches (this can be done overnight).	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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Salon chairs

Most salon chairs are made from PVC or vinyl, this means they are easy to clean. However, you need to be using the right product so you don't ruin the chairs. Disinfectant that contains alcohol should be avoided – it will crack the material making it easy for germs to multiply.

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Wipe down and disinfect chairs on a regular basis to get rid of dead skin cells and any other form of bacteria. This can be cleaned with washing up detergent, water and a cloth.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Remember couch rolls/hygiene rolls for your treatment couches. They protect your equipment as well as providing a hygienic place for your clients to lie on. Change it between clients.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Tools

When cleaning your heated styling tools, make sure they are switched off and have completely cooled down.

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Curling tongs and straighteners can be cleaned using rubbing alcohol and a cotton pad. Wet your pad in the liquid and wipe any styling product to remove the build up of germs. Afterwards, use a clean, damp cloth to wipe the tool with a towel and leave it to dry.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Hairdryers build up lots of dirt so using an old toothbrush or something similar, take off the vent and scrub away any dust and lint.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Hair brushes will require a little shampoo on the bristles now and again to keep them clean and fresh.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Towels and gowns

Daily cleaning should include:	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Towels, gowns and other linen should be washed regularly using laundry detergent and washing machines. Used towels will look unsightly but also harbour germs if left damp, so make sure they are completely dry before putting away.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Your salon states exactly what type of establishment you are operating and your customers will notice things – some more than others so you need to make sure that you are keeping it clean and hygienic. It should be as tidy and clutter free as possible; people will not want to frequent salon that doesn't care about cleanliness. For more tips and tricks on cleaning, head over to our Cleaning Hub Checklist.