

Guide to the new Public Health Regulation 2012 for Skin Penetration Premises

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The new *Regulation* replaces the *Public Health (Skin Penetration) Regulation 2000*. The revised *Regulation* is designed to better protect public health by requiring minimum hygiene standards and infection control requirements to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

DOES MY BUSINESS COMPLY?

- The premises must be clean and hygienic.
- A hand wash basin must be provided with a supply of clean, warm, potable water.
- A sink (that is separate to the hand wash basin) must be provided with a supply of clean, warm water for cleaning of equipment only.
- If colonic lavage is carried out at the premises, a toilet must be provided.

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED?

- A waste disposal bin must be provided.
- If sharps/needles are used, a yellow sharps container must be provided.
- Liquid soap (or alcohol based hand cleaner) must be available.
- Single use paper towel or an automatic hand dryer must be available.
- Disposable gloves, clean linen and gowns or aprons must be available where appropriate.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEANING & STERILISING?

- All equipment must be in good working order, clean and dried after use and be stored in a clean and dry environment.
- All reusable articles used to penetrate the skin must be cleaned and sterilised for each use using a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved autoclave. A UV cabinet is NOT a steriliser.
- Sterilising on site: records of sterilisation must be kept at the premises including the time, date of when each article was sterilised, the length of time that the article was autoclaved and the temperature and pressure levels of the autoclave.
- Sterilising off site: records of sterilisation must be kept at the premises including the date the equipment was sent off for sterilising. The details of the person/ business who sterilises the equipment must also be provided.
- The autoclave must be serviced regularly and calibrated at least once a year by a qualified service technician. Certification must be obtained and kept at the premises.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEEDLES/SHARPS & SINGLE USE ITEMS?

- A yellow sharps container must be provided and disposed of appropriately by a licensed waste contractor.
- All needles must be sterile and single use only. Needles are to be thrown out immediately after use into the yellow sharps container.
- All articles used to penetrate the skin including single use articles (i.e. microdermabrasion heads, dermal rollers etc) must be sterile and can only be used once and must then be disposed of appropriately.
- All single use articles must be thrown out immediately after use.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF WAX FOR HAIR REMOVAL?

- The spatula used to apply the wax must be thrown out after each application.
- The spatula is not to be double dipped.
- The wax must not be reused and must be thrown out after use.
- Where a roll-on wax canister is used, the canister shall be disposed of after each customer.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF INKS?

- If inks and pigments are used, the ink, pigment or other liquid must be decanted into a single use container and thrown out after use.
- A single use applicator must be used for each customer.

ARE THERE ANY PENALTIES FOR NOT COMPLYING?

Businesses that do not comply with the requirements of the Public Health Act and Regulations may be issued with Improvement Notices, Prohibition Orders, on-the-spot fines or prosecuted in Court.

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION?

Contact Council's Environmental Health Team on 02 9843 0555 or email council-publichealth@thehills.nsw.gov.au

Factsheets and resources available from the NSW Health website;
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/phact/pages/default.aspx>

View the *Public Health Regulation 2012* online from the NSW Legislation website;
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/>