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## **Common Salon Violations**

It is true to say that not all pedicurists and salons are equal - some wish to cut corners and put your health at risk while others, such as the members of the International Pedicure Association, seek to achieve and deliver higher standards of service and hygiene.

We have therefore produced a list of the most commonly occurring reasons that an establishment or individual may be in breach of the typical US State Licensing Rules.

Please note however, the rules vary by each US State and Country so, not following these guidelines exactly does not mean that a salon is not complying with the regulations under which the salon or individual operates. Therefore you are advised to visit the US State or Country licensing board for the regulations in your US State or Country.

While we have listed the common violations, it is also worthy to note the following:  
*If the establishment shows signs of disrepair (such as chipped paint, damp and basic neglect), dirty windows, floors, furniture, walls and washroom facilities, or staff members appear untidy, it is safe to assume that the establishment is not adhering to the essential health and safety guidelines and you are advised to seek an alternative salon.*

Do not be afraid to ask questions about cleaning and disinfecting practices. If you have any doubts, you are advised to leave and look for a new service provider.

If you are looking for a pedicurist who is a member of the International Pedicure Association, please visit our member directory:

<http://www.pedicureassociation.org/IPA/Directory>

Should you have any questions please contact the International Pedicure Association.

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### **Sanitation**

**VIOLATION: No documented records of equipment cleaning procedures or frequency**

Salon owners/managers must ensure their staff members are competent with the cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing procedures for the US State/Country in which they operate. Equipment cleaning logs must be completed every time the equipment is cleaned, disinfected or sterilized. If in doubt, ask to see a copy of their cleaning Log.

**VIOLATION: Incorrect storage of clean equipment**

There is no point in thoroughly cleaning, disinfecting or sterilizing equipment only to place it in a dirty container. Clean, disinfected, or sterilized equipment must be stored in clean, covered containers.

**VIOLATION: Incorrect cleaning procedures**

Any implements, tools and equipment must be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected or sterilized after client use and prior to use on the next client. All implements and tools must be stored in clean covered containers after disinfecting or sterilizing

### **Staff Related**

**VIOLATION: Unlicensed staff members performing duties within the salon**

US State regulations for licensing indicate that staff members are required to acquire the relevant training, qualifications and license to perform any service within a salon. Before you book an appointment, ask to see licenses and training records.

**VIOLATION: No photograph or mis-matched photograph/name on the cosmetology license**

Ask to see the cosmetology license and check that the photograph and name match what you have been told. Alternatively contact your US State licensing board website before making your appointment. If you find a fraudulent salon or individual, report the problem to your US State licensing board.

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