

# **CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (DEH)**



## **GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION**

**OF:**

## **BARBERSHOPS & BEAUTY SALONS**

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## **PURPOSE**

**The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Guidelines for the operation of Barbershops, Beauty Salons & Spas** are intended to inform and educate owners, managers, operators and staff of these facilities of the general requirements of the DEH.

These guidelines are geared towards preventing environmental health nuisances and illnesses/infections associated with this trade.

These guidelines are the minimum requirements, which, if adhered to, should minimize the risks to health and well being of patrons and employees.

Proprietors, managers and staff should therefore familiarize themselves with these provisions and ensure that their facilities conform to these guidelines.

## **SCOPE**

These guidelines shall govern all business that offer barbering and hairdressing services both at fixed premises and mobile services to the public.

The provisions in these guidelines are enforceable by the Cayman Islands Department of Environmental Health and the Public Health Department under the Public Health Law (2002 Revision).

## **GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

“**Barber**” includes a hairdresser, manicurist, pedicurist, or any other person whose service is available to the public in a barbershop/beauty salon.

“**Approved**” means written acceptance or permission by the Department of Environmental Health or Public Health Department.

“**Clean or Cleanliness**” means the absence of soil or dirt.

“**Infection or infectious disease**” means diseases or conditions diagnosed by a licensed physician as being contagious or transmissible which include but are not limited to the following: Chicken pox, Diphtheria, Measles, Meningococcal Disease, Mumps, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Plague, Rubella, Scabies, Staphylococcal skin infection (boils, infected wounds) Streptococcal infections (strep throat), Tinea (ring worm) Tuberculosis.

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“**Disinfection**” means the destruction of disease causing micro-organisms on inanimate objects or surfaces, thereby rendering these objects safe for use or handling.

“**Establishment**” means a physical place of business, permanent in nature, and includes all areas used by the technicians and clients, including but not limited to, treatment areas and waiting/reception area.

“**Equipment**” means all machinery, including fixtures, containers, vessels, tools, devices, implements, furniture, display and storage areas, sinks, and all other apparatus used in connection with the operation of barbering, and hairdressing, pedicuring and manicuring.

“**Hot water**” means water which attains and maintains a temperature between 95 degrees and 110 degrees Fahrenheit (35 degrees and 40 degrees Celsius).

“**Premises**” means the entire building or structure within which the services are provided.

“**Sterilization**” means a process resulting in the destruction of all forms of microbial life, including highly resistant bacterial spores.

## **1.0. REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION & INSPECTION**

1.1. BARBERSHOP includes any premises whether habitually or occasionally used as a hairdressing salon or a beauty parlor.

1.1. All barbershops shall be open for inspection to any Environmental Health Officer of the Department of Environmental Health.

1.2. A list of all trained personnel shall be provided to the Department of Environmental Health or the Public Health Department upon request.

## **2.0. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS AND APPEARANCE**

2.1. All persons employed in the establishment shall wear clean outer garment or uniform at all times when working in the establishment.

2.2. All barbers shall thoroughly cleanse their hands with soap and water or a hand sanitizer immediately before attending to each customer.

2.3. No person who has any infectious disease or any communicable infection of the skin shall work or be permitted to work in a barbershop.

## **3.0. FACILITY HYGIENE AND SANITATION**

3.1. The exterior of the building and the surroundings of the barbershop shall be maintained in a sanitary manner.

- 3.2. The walls, floor and ceiling of every barbershop shall be free of voids and be maintained in good repair at all times.
- 3.3. The floor of the barbershop shall be covered from wall to wall with a durable, easily cleanable and impervious material such as ceramic tile or vinyl. The use of carpet or floor cloth in work areas is prohibited.
- 3.4. The establishment shall be lighted, well ventilated and kept in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition at all times.
- 3.5. A hand wash basin/sink shall be installed in the work area for the cleansing of hands.
- 3.6. All furniture, fixtures instruments shall be kept clean, in good repair, mechanically sound and with acceptable upholstery.
- 3.7. The floor of the barbershop shall be swept and mopped every day and shall be kept free of all residues, cut hair, dirt and any other matter/waste.
- 3.8. There shall be placed on the back of each chair used for the purpose of hairdressing or shaving a sheet of clean paper or a fresh sterilized towel so as to provide a cover for the head rest and a fresh clean sheet of paper or a sterilized towel shall be used for each customer.
- 3.9. A fresh, separate clean neck band or clean towel shall be placed around the neck of each customer or immediately under the hair cloth and no neck band or towel shall be used for more than one person.
- 3.10. Powder puffs or sponges shall not be used in a barbershop.
- 3.11. Combs and brushes shall not be kept in the pockets of barbers' uniforms.
- 3.12. Alum or other materials used to stop the flow of blood shall be used in a powdered form only and shall be applied with a sterile cotton swab which shall be discarded after use.
- 3.13. Any person on whose face there is a rash or who has an infectious disease of the scalp shall not be shaved or have their hair dressed. The client shall be advised to refer such condition to a physician for further investigation and treatment.
- 3.14. Any person who is found to have an infestation of head lice or nits associated with head louse infestation, or ringworm or scabies, shall not be attended to until such person has been certified to be free of such infestation by a physician.
- 3.15. Brooms, mops and other articles used for cleaning shall be properly stored.

- 3.16. Adequate/sufficient, enclosed cabinets for storage of clean towels and closed hampers or covered containers for soiled linen/towels shall be provided.
- 3.17. After use on each customer, all soiled towels shall immediately be disposed of in closed hampers or covered containers.
- 3.18. A well stocked First Aid kit shall be provided at the facility.
- 3.19. A separate red coloured bin shall be provided for the storage/disposal of all items soiled with clients' blood or body fluids.

#### **4.0. STERILIZATION**

- 4.1. All tools, instruments and appliances shall be properly/adequately sterilized before use on each customer by any of the following methods.
- (i) immersion in boiling water for not less than 20 minutes.
  - (ii) immersion for not less than 10 minutes in a disinfecting solution approved by the Department of Environmental Health or the Public Health Department.
  - (ii) the use of an approved chemical such as Barbicide, Clippicide or any other chemical/method approved by the Department of Environmental Health or the Public Health Department.
- 4.2. Provision shall be made for both wet sterilization and dry cabinet sterilization. Wet sterilizers shall be large enough to completely immerse combs and other instruments placed in them.
- 4.3. The use of an approved ultra violet light or chemical cabinet sterilizers is allowed in lieu of airtight cabinet sterilizers.
- 4.4. No tools/instrument shall be left exposed on work stands, but shall be cleaned and placed in a sterilizing apparatus/cabinet with an approved sterilization agent/disinfectant when not in use.
- 4.5. Towels/linen shall be washed and sanitized using an approved chemical such as household chlorine bleach.

#### **5.0. WATER SUPPLY**

- 5.1. Every barbershop shall be supplied with an adequate supply of potable hot and cold piped water with a minimum pressure of 8 pounds per square inch (p.s.i.).

5.2. A minimum capacity of a 60 gallon continuous hot water heater with temperature of at least 95 degrees Fahrenheit shall be provided.

5.3. Drinking water shall be provided for the customers preferably by a water cooler or drinking fountain.

## **6.0. TOILET FACILITIES**

6.1. All barbershops shall be provided with adequate toilets/bathroom facilities.

6.2. Toilets/bathrooms shall be easily accessible within the immediate premises.

6.3. Toilets/bathrooms shall be provided/supplied with adequate amounts of toilet tissue, paper towels (toiletries) and liquid soap through dispensers.

6.4. Bathroom fixtures and interior of toilet/bathrooms shall be kept clean and maintained in an orderly and sanitary manner.

6.5. Bathrooms/toilets shall be provided with adequate lighting and ventilation.

6.6. Bathrooms shall not be used for storage of any equipment, appliances, instrument, cleaning agents or processing products/chemicals.

## **7.0. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING MEDICAL WASTES**

7.1. The barber shall undertake the following course of action upon producing blood during the process of attending to a customer:

- (i) Wash and sanitize hands immediately and continue to serve the client using disposable latex gloves.
- (ii) All non-disposable equipment and implements shall be washed immediately with hot running water and disinfected afterwards with an approved disinfectant for a minimum of 10 minutes.
- (iii) All disposable items soiled with blood shall be disposed of in a *red-coloured* bin designed for that purpose and shall be treated as *medical waste*.
- (iv) All establishment shall comply with the DEH standard procedure relating with the storage and disposal of medical waste.

## **8.0. TRAINING/EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION**

8.1. Owners, operators and employees shall make themselves available for any training or educational programme or certification offered by the Department of Environmental Health or the Public Health Department as this training or certification shall serve as part of the general assessment of the operational standard of the establishment.

## **9.0. FOOD SALE, SERVICE IN ESTABLISHMENT**

9.1. No food or drinks shall be sold, served or consumed directly in the areas of the establishment where hairdressing/barbering is being carried out.

9.2. A dining area/kitchen shall be provided for the staff which shall be separate from the general work/service areas. If this is not practicable within the unit, then a facility within the same building must be utilized for this purpose.