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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.

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Hair removal – hairdressers

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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:

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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.

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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.

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Tools

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

Daily cleaning should include:

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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.

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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.

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Hair brushes will require a little shampoo on the bristles now and again to keep them clean and fresh.

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Towels and gowns

Daily cleaning should include:

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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.

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