



# SKIN PENETRATION NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of 'Skin Penetration News', Council's annual newsletter for local skin penetration operators. This is one way we can help keep you up to date with your responsibilities under the *Public Health Act 2010* and *Public Health Regulation 2012*. Check out the skin penetration information and tips below to help you maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene.



## CHANGES TO OUR PROGRAM FROM JULY

In the new financial year we will start our inspections of all registered skin penetration businesses.

In the past we have conducted one inspection for each business, per financial year. From the start of the new financial year (1 July 2017), this will change.

Any premises that is subject to, or has been in the past, any type of regulatory action (improvement notices or penalty notices), will now receive two primary inspections per financial year.

A premises must receive three consecutive satisfactory inspection results to return to one inspection per financial year.

## WHY IS COUNCIL INCREASING INSPECTIONS?

Premises that receive regulatory action generally display multiple or serious breaches of the *Public Health Act 2010* and *Public Health Regulations 2012*, which means they pose a greater risk of transmitting disease and infection to the public.

Additional inspections of these premises will help us minimise that risk.

It also provides an incentive for businesses doing the right thing to continue to maintain high standard.

If you have any questions about the changes, please call Council's Environmental Health team on 4732 8055.



## SKIN PENETRATION TRAINING SEMINAR

Council is holding another skin penetration training seminar in the new financial year. The seminar will cover infection control, best practice methods and Council's role, responsibilities and legislative requirements.

If you or your staff are interested in attending the seminar, please call the Environmental Health Team on 4732 8055.

## CLEANING AND DISINFECTING FOOT SPAS

Foot spas need to be cleaned thoroughly to prevent the growth and spread of disease-causing micro-organisms.

To prevent the spread of infectious diseases a single use disposable foot spa liner can be used, otherwise the foot spa must be cleaned and disinfected between each client, and at the end of each day.

### AFTER EACH CLIENT

- **Drain** the water from the foot spa.
- **Clean** the surfaces of the foot spa with a suitable cleaning agent, warm or hot water and a scrubbing brush. Then rinse.
- **Disinfect** it by spraying the foot spa with a hospital grade disinfectant (re-circulating 'air-jet' spas need to be disinfected by circulating clean water and disinfectant according to the manufacturer's instructions).
- **Dry** the foot spa using a clean, lint free cloth.

### AT THE END OF EACH DAY

- **Remove** the foot spa components (inlet jets, filter screen etc.) using gloves and thoroughly scrub each component with a brush, warm or hot water and a suitable cleaning agent.
- **Immerse** the screen in a hospital grade disinfectant solution or a 10% bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) for at least 10 minutes.
- **Rinse** the foot spa and components with clean water and reassemble.
- **Refill** with clean water and disinfectant. For re-circulating 'air-jet' spas the disinfectant solution must be circulating for the required contact time, or for at least 10 minutes. A long contact time is more likely to kill bacteria and other disease-causing micro-organisms.
- **After disinfecting**, drain, rinse and dry the foot spa.
- **Store** the foot spa in a clean, dry and dust free environment.
- **Once a week**, soak the foot spa with disinfectant overnight.

Note: always follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and disinfection.

### USE OF TOPICAL ANAESTHETIC CREAMS

If a client requires or requests the use of a topical anaesthetic cream, they are permitted to bring their own product into the salon to be used.

However the salon cannot, under any circumstances, supply a topical anaesthetic cream.



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