

Part 4: Risk of breaking the skin

Minimum standards 4A: Hair Removal by Waxing, Tweezing or Threading

All operators who risk breaking the skin must comply with the previous section (minimum standards for all operators who risk breaking the skin), and any of the relevant sections from 4A to 4C.

Skin preparation

- You must check the customer's skin condition before any service. Let them know about any skin conditions that may lead to irritation.
- You must clean the customer's skin with an antiseptic using a clean, single-use swab before hair removal.

Get medical consent

- Don't remove hair from moles unless you have medical consent.

Use of thread

- Only use new, single-use cotton thread.

Use of wax

- Don't apply wax to broken skin.
- Use one of these methods to prevent cross contamination between customers:
 - put the required amount of wax for each customer into single-use disposable pots and discard any unused product; or
 - use single-use disposable wooden spatulas for wax application. Do not re-dip the spatula into the wax pot.
- Don't reuse wax.
- Cover wax pots between services.

Additional recommended best practice – recommended but not compulsory

Waxing

- Offer single-use disposable underwear to the customer for waxing involving the full leg, bikini and/or Brazilian waxing.
- Apply wax to the inside of your wrist to test the temperature of the wax. Then test it on the customer in the area to be treated.
- Apply **hot** wax with a spatula in thick strips and remove it by hand. Apply **warm** wax with a spatula in a thin film and removed with a paper or cloth strip.

- Apply a soothing product to treated areas.

- Clean all metal instruments using a wax solvent to remove traces of wax before sterilisation.

Threading

- Twist and roll new single-use cotton thread onto the surface of the skin to entwine the hair. Once the hair is entangled with the thread, pull it off and remove the hair.

NOTE: This summary sheet is provided only for information and does not replace or supplement the Hutt City Council Bylaw Code of Practice.