

## Part 4: Risk of breaking the skin Minimum standards 4B: Manicure/Pedicure

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

### Ventilation

Your shop's ventilation must meet New Zealand Building Code requirements. It must be suitable for the products you use.

### Broken skin

- Do not use heel blades or razors to cut or shave skin.
- Do not perform the service if the customer's skin is broken.

### 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.

### Use of instruments

- Be aware of the heat created by an electric nail file.
- Disinfect all pedicure chair basins and associated fittings between each customer.
- Nail files should be single-use or effectively cleaned.

### Use of supplies

- You must keep chemical products in air tight containers
- Don't use any products after their expiry dates.

### Disposal of waste

Dispose of waste in a sealed container

### Additional recommended best practice – recommended but not compulsory

#### First aid

- All operators should hold a current first aid certificate.

#### Ventilation

- A ventilation system (i.e. fan) should be installed near worktables when performing gel polish, gel or acrylic nails, in addition to a ventilation system for the premises if applicable.

#### Spa liners

- Single-use disposable spa liners should be used in footspas and changed between each customer.

#### Operators

- Cover your hands with clean well-fitting single-use disposable surgical gloves.
- Be careful to prevent cuts and abrasions from filing and buffing.
- Wear dust masks when using an electric nail file or hand file to avoid inhaling nail dust. Dust masks will not stop you from inhaling fumes.
- If recommended by the manufacturer, you should apply an oil or solution to the artificial nail before filing, which makes the dust heavier, and easier to clean.

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