



Environmental Health – Health premises guidelines

The guidelines are designed around a risk management approach to the transmission of infection from client to client, client to operator, and operator to client. Risk management involves an analysis (identification) of potential hazards, the controls policies/procedures required to minimise the hazard, and the corrective action to be taken if the control (action) does not achieve its aim of preventing or minimising the transmission of infection.

The guidelines also provide information on general matters that may be useful to the industry in performing its practices, and on infection control in general. Some personal care and body art body industry practices are not specifically covered by the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, but these guidelines include information on general infection control and prevention to assist these practices.

These guidelines are not intended to replace industry-specific guidelines for personal care and body art body premises. Proprietors and operators should also consult with their professional organisations and other organisations relevant to aspects of their business. These guidelines should be used as a guide to best practice and as a reference tool for people associated with the industry, including environmental health officers.

Contents

The guidelines are divided into the following five parts.

Part A: General information on infection (transmission and prevention); regulations related to the establishment of business premises; occupational health and safety issues; and details on how to clean, disinfect and sterilise instruments and equipment used to perform personal care and body art industry procedures.

Part B: A consideration of the personal care and body art industry under five general headings:

- * Beauty therapy procedures, including waxing, facials and nail treatments
- * Physical therapies, including massage, solariums and spas
- * Hair
- * Body art, including tattooing and body piercing

* Colonic irrigation.

The Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Chinese Medicine Registration Board, is developing separate infection control guidelines for acupuncture. Existing departmental standards of practice for acupuncture are to be followed until the review is completed.

Part C: General information on risk analysis and management, to assist proprietors and operators to develop policies and procedures to improve infection control and prevention practices. Appendix 2 contains risk analysis tables with examples.

Part D: Glossary

Part E: Appendixes

Appendix 1: Extract from the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001

Appendix 2: Risk analysis charts

Appendix 3: Records/pro-formas-dressing