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Adding new procedures to your business?

During routine inspections this year Environmental Health Officers have noticed a high number of premises have added procedures to their business that they are not registered to provide e.g. a hairdresser including a waxing or nail area in their premises or beauticians including electrolysis in their procedures.

Some issues that you need to consider before adding new procedures to your business are:

- Are you currently registered to carry out that procedure? Under Bayside City Council's registration categories, businesses can be categorised as Hair, Beauty, Skin Penetration, Ear Piercing, Electrolysis or a mixture of two or more. Adding a new procedure may require your current registration category to be amended.
- Do you have the structural facilities to offer a new procedure? Under current "Health guidelines for personal care and body art industries" a hand wash basin with hot and cold running water through a single outlet and liquid soap and paper towels should be installed in the immediate procedure area. If you're adding a skin penetration procedure, the hand wash basin is required to be hands free (i.e. electronically controlled) in operation.

Please contact Council's Health Department for advice and assistance on any structural works you are considering at your business.

Colonic Irrigation - *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*

This new legislation aims to promote and protect public health and wellbeing in Victoria and will soon replace the current *Health Act 1958*. One key change for Personal Care and Body Art industries will be the introduction of registration for Colonic Irrigation procedures.

Current registered business that offer Colonic procedures will have their existing registrations amended to incorporate the new requirements. Environmental Health Officers will be actively registering new premises.

Health Act Registrations 2009

Reminder

your renewal for 2009 is due prior to:

31 December 2008

Profile of *Health Act* registered premises in Bayside

Bayside City Council's Environmental Health Department has a total of 170 premises registered under the Health Act. The current business profile is detailed below:

TYPE OF PREMISES	NO.	TYPE OF PREMISES	NO.
Beauty Treatment	54	Hairdresser	67
Hairdresser and Beauty	26	Motel	3
Beauty Treatment/Electrolysis	5	Prescribed Accommodation	1
Boarding House	1	Skin Penetration/Beauty Treatment	6
Ear Piercing Establishment	7	Total	170

In late 2005 the number of Health Act registered premises was 153.

Safe disposal of sharps in your business

To prevent the possible transmission of blood borne diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C and to avoid needle stick injuries sharps such as single use needles or disposable razors used for hair cutting, must be handled and disposed of correctly.

- Sharps containers are rigid-walled, puncture-proof containers with tight fitting lids that prevent sharp objects, such as razor blades that may be contaminated with blood, from injuring another person. These containers can vary in size up from 250ml containers (see photo). It is important to use only approved containers – ice-cream containers or other similar tubs must not be used.
- When using a sharps container, do not re-cap sharps and ensure the disposable sharp instrument is placed directly into the sharps container. Be careful and do not force items into the containers, so as to prevent injury.
- Once a sharps container reaches the full line indicated on the side of the container it must be safely disposed of. Do not overfill your container. Remember that sharps or sharps containers cannot be disposed of into the general garbage system.
- Sharps containers and disposal services can be obtained from commercial operators found under "Waste Disposal and Reduction Services" in the yellow pages. Council currently does not supply sharps containers for commercial use.



