

## HIGH RISK

Equipment	Reason	When	How	Additional information
Reusable instruments Tattoo gun	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission.	After each client.	Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with a lint free cloth.  Package with chemical indicator and seal.  <b>Sterilise.</b>	Note: Some parts of the tattoo gun are not immersible  Use a lint free cloth for all stages of the cleaning process  Store appropriately.
Single-Use Needles	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission	Dispose of after each client.	<b>Dispose of</b> into a sharps container.	
Tweezers Probes	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus	After each client	Wash in warm water & detergent.  Rinse in hot running water  Dry with lint free cloth.  <b>Sterilise if contaminated.</b>	Use a lint free cloth for all stages of the cleaning process.  Store appropriately
Lasers	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission	After each client.	Wash in warm water & detergent.  Rinse in hot running water  Dry with lint free cloth.  <b>Sterilise or disinfect laser parts as appropriate.</b>	Use a lint free cloth for all stages of the cleaning process.  Store appropriately

## INTERMEDIATE RISK

Equipment	Reason	When	How	Additional information
Face Brushes - Make Up - Eyebrow - Other  Face Sponges	Risk of Infection if previous client has skin lesions or infection.	After each client	Rinse free of lotions, creams and make-up.  Wash in warm water & detergent.  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry thoroughly.	Note: Brushes & plastic items will not withstand the sterilization process.  Do not dry these items in an Ultra Violet Light (UV) cabinet as they become brittle with a shortened life.
Non Immersible Equipment:  Tattoo Guns  Electrical items  Re-usable muscle stimulator electrodes	Potential for Infection	After each client	Wipe over with cloth dampened in warm water & detergent.  Rinse by wiping with cloth dampened in hot water.  Dry thoroughly.  Wipe over with cloth dampened with 70 % alcohol solution and allow to dry.	Use a lint free cloth for all stages of the cleaning process.  Single use electrode should be disposed of in the general waste.  May be disinfected in addition to cleaning.
Nail Clippers / Scissors  Cuticle Sticks  Nail Burrs  Nail Files	Potential for Infection	After each client	Wash in warm water & detergent.  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth.  Dispose of or sterilize if	Become high risk if they penetrate or abrade the skin.  Note: plastic equipment may not withstand the sterilization process.  Use single-use where possible.

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**LOW RISK**

Equipment	Reason	When	How	Additional information
<b>Eyelash Curlers</b> <b>Nail Brushes</b> <b>Nail Buffers</b> <b>Emery Boards</b>	Potential for Infection	After each client	Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth  Dispose of or sterilize if contaminated	May be disinfected in addition to cleaning  Become high risk if they penetrate or abrade the skin  Note: plastic equipment may not withstand the sterilization process  Note: Some buffers (and handles) may be washable e.g. chamois – see the manufacturer’s instructions on cleaning & drying these items.  Other buffers should be single use and disposed of after each client. Emery boards should be single use and disposed of after each client as they cannot be washed and dried effectively.
<b>Hand Bowls</b>	Potential for Contamination	After each client	Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth	
<b>Foot Baths</b>	Potential for Contamination	After each client	Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth.  Use chlorine-based disinfectant (bleach) to disinfect, rinse in hot water and dry with lint free cloth.	Note: cleaning may not be sufficient to remove some fungal microorganisms therefore disinfection after each client is essential, particularly if the foot bath is of the “spa” type.
<b>Single use applicators</b>	Potential for Infection	After each use	Dispose of into clinical or related waste container	Use once only.
<b>Bottles/Sprays/ Pump Dispensers:</b> - Liquid Soap - Water - Lotions - Creams - Gels	Potential for Contamination	When empty	Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry thoroughly with lint free cloth before refilling	These should never be “topped up”.  Manufacturer’s containers should be discarded when empty.
<b>Dye Mixing Bowls</b>	Potential for Contamination	After each client	Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth	Prevent residual dyes being mixed into new preparations.

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<b>Wax thermometers</b> <b>Wax Pots</b> <b>Re-usable Wax Applicators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Metal</li> <li>- Plastic</li> </ul> <b>Saucepans</b>	Potential for skin infections or for blood borne virus transmission	After each client	Remove wax using appropriate solvent for the type of wax.  Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth	Wax applicators should be sterilized after being cleaned if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blood is drawn during waxing procedures</li> <li>- The wax pot is used for more than one client</li> </ul> Note: no double dipping is allowed  There is a risk of burns during reheating of hot (hard) wax prior to re-use.
<b>Nail Varnish Brushes</b>	Potential for Contamination	After each client	Remove varnish using appropriate solvent.  Wash in warm water & detergent  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry with lint free cloth	