What to Look Out For in a Nail Salon

Consumer Guidelines

If you see any of the following, leave the salon and find another place for service:

- Salons that do not look clean in general such as hair, nail clippings, dust or debris on the floor, drawers, tables, or furniture.
- Salons using dusty or dirty nail files and other tools.
- Using products from unlabeled or unmarked containers.
- Stores nail files and other tools in a dirty drawer or container.
- Places nail files or other tools in dirty or contaminated looking solution.
- No lid or cover on disinfection containers.
- Restrooms that are dirty or unkempt, lack liquid soap and clean towels.
- Nail technicians using razors on your feet to remove a callus.
- Salons providing services to clients with infected fingers, nails, toenails or feet.
- Salons using MMA.

CONSUMER SAFETY TIP
Don’t shave or wax your legs within 24 hours before getting a pedicure!

Be wary of any nail technician or salon who:

- Does not wash your hands or feet before performing any nail or pedicure service.
- Does not wash their own hands before performing a nail or pedicure service.
- Provides services that are painful or damages your skin or nails.
- Cannot demonstrate how they clean and disinfect their nail files, clippers, bits, and tools.
- Cannot demonstrate how they clean and disinfect foot spas.
- Does not have a logbook indicating when pedicure foot spas were cleaned and disinfected.
- Uses something to “pry off” artificial nails.
- Does not provide clean nailbrushes for scrubbing underneath your nails.
- Does not use a clean, freshly laundered or disposable towel.
- Will not show you a current license when you ask to see it.
- Says they are too busy to properly clean and disinfect their tools.
- Sticks their fingers directly into jars or containers.
- Does not ask questions about your health (client consultation) before performing services.