

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.