

Safety in Hair Salons and Barbershops

According to the 2017 IBIS World Industry Report, hair salons are projected to grow to a **\$62 Billion industry by 2022**. The rise of trendy services in the beauty industry has allowed this market to increase and it is expected to continue growing. The personal service and efficiency that salons provide are not easily replaced, nor can the passion or artistic skill that a hair stylist hones be passed onto just any individual.



As a salon or barbershop owner, your first instincts and priorities are to make your clients look their best. An often-forgotten priority is that you also have a duty to keep those same clients safe. There are many hidden (and not so hidden) dangers in the salon setting. Making some simple changes to your operation can keep your clients and employees safe!

Common Injuries

- Chemical burns
- Scalp injuries that can lead to hair loss
- Infections
- Cuts and abrasions from scissors or clippers
- Slip and falls
- Injuries to the back and neck
- Allergic Reactions

Facility & Equipment Safety

- Keep all walkways clear and free of debris. Items should be neatly stored away, and cords coiled up and kept out of the way
- Floors should be swept of cut hair as soon as possible after finishing with a client
- Clean up any spills immediately and use Caution signs if floor is still wet
- Perform monthly inspections of all furniture, fixtures and equipment. Ensure all fittings are tight, there are no worn parts, and cords and plug connectors are still in good condition
- Replace any damaged flooring immediately
- Wash floors before or after business hours
- Keep an inventory list of all equipment, the manufacturer, warranty and receipt if possible
- Schedule a licensed electrician to check your appliances and electrical system once a year
- Ensure the salon's water temperature does not go over 120°
- Provide a first aid kit, along with an eye wash station or eye wash solution



Chemical Safety

- Always read the instructions to all chemicals stored in your salon, and ensure your employees read them as well
- Keep all chemical information and warnings in one, easily accessible spot
- Do not purchase bulk chemicals from vendors outside of the US as they are not under the FDA's control
- All chemicals should be stored in their original containers with the correct labels and instructions
- If a solution or chemical must be rebottled, ensure it is labeled correctly and include any warnings or instructions

What to do if an Accident Happens

- Remain calm and take charge of the situation by offering aid to the injured person
- Administer first aid if necessary. If serious enough, call 911
- Complete an Injury Report as soon as possible to document the name of the injured individual, the details of the incident and the names of any other persons that were involved or witnessed the accident
- Report the incident to your insurance agent
- Advise your employees to not discuss the incident with anyone



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