

Safe Method: UV Tanning Equipment

Safety Point

Why?

What do you do?

Equipment Safety

You must ensure that the UV equipment is maintained in good working order. You should consult the manufacturer of the equipment for advice on use, servicing intervals and any repairs.

A breakdown of equipment could result in electric shock, fire or physical injury.

How old is your equipment?

How often do you have your equipment serviced?

Who services your equipment?

Where do you keep copies of your servicing reports?

You must ensure you have a copy of the manufacturers instructions for each piece of equipment.

To ensure it is maintained in accordance with the manufacturers advice.

Do you have a copy of the manufacturers instructions for each piece of equipment?

Yes

No

The replacement tubes that are fitted must be those that are recommended by the manufacturer and be compatible with the original tubing.

To ensure the equipment is safe to use and does not exceed the recommended U. V. levels.

How often does the manufacturer recommend that your tubes are replaced?

Who replaces your tubes?

What controls do you have in place when you re-tube to ensure the client is not exposed to higher levels? E.g. reduce session times, warning signs etc.

Do you record when your tubes are changed?

Yes

No

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Equipment safety

<p>Ultra violet radiation (UVR) tubes should be protected so that they do not come into contact with the client. The protective covers should be of good mechanical strength and made of material that will not deteriorate under exposure to UVR.</p>	<p>UVR is emitted from the tubes in the UV tanning equipment. There are health risks associated from exposure and the equipment must be adequately protected to ensure it is operating within the safety guidelines.</p>	<p>Are your UVR tubes adequately protected? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>How often do you visually check your equipment?</p> <div data-bbox="1077 409 1528 618" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 93px; width: 283px;"></div>
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<p>Lighting units and electrical supplies should be protected to prevent perspiration from bodies, drinking water etc.</p> <p>It is recommended that each equipment is fitted with a residual current device.</p>	<p>Any water entering the electrical supplies may cause electric shock.</p> <p>Residual current devices ensures the electric supply is cut off if there is a fault and prevents the equipment from causing an electric shock.</p>	<p>What protection is provided to your lighting/electrical supplies to prevent an electric shock?</p> <div data-bbox="1070 763 1520 958" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 87px; width: 282px;"></div>
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<p>The doors to the cubicles or booths should open away from the beds or be capable of being unlocked from the outside.</p>	<p>To allow access in the event of an emergency.</p>	<p>How do your doors operate?</p> <div data-bbox="1070 1043 1520 1296" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 113px; width: 282px;"></div> <p>What emergency procedures do you have in place?</p> <div data-bbox="1070 1413 1520 1637" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 282px;"></div>
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Cleaning of equipment

<p>All surfaces that come into contact with the clients must be disinfected after each session has ended e.g. tanning equipment and goggles.</p> <p>It is advisable to use a cleaning agent that is recommended by the manufacturer of the UV tanning equipment.</p>	<p>To ensure any bacteria is removed from the equipment and to prevent the spread of infection between clients.</p> <p>To ensure the disinfectant is safe for contact with the skin and will not cause photosensitisation.</p>	<p>How often do you clean your equipment?</p> <div data-bbox="1070 1823 1520 1973" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 67px; width: 282px;"></div> <p>What disinfectant do you use?</p> <div data-bbox="1070 2051 1520 2192" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 63px; width: 282px;"></div>
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General Health and Safety

<p>It is important for your staff to explain how to use the equipment to each customer and highlight any hazards. For example warnings should be given to clients with long hair of the dangers from ceiling fans in stand up booths.</p>	<p>To ensure the client understands any risks associated with the equipment and their health.</p>	<p>What information do your staff provide to each customer regarding the equipment safety hazards?</p> <div data-bbox="1077 338 1525 860" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 233px; width: 281px;"></div>
<p>The area around the sun bed should be free from obstruction.</p>	<p>To prevent tripping hazards.</p>	<p>Are your beds free from obstructions? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>There must be effective and suitable ventilation to provide a sufficient quantity of fresh or purified air. This will depend on the type of sun bed and the size of the room.</p>	<p>To ensure that stale, hot air is replaced at a reasonable rate with fresh air.</p>	<p>What ventilation do you have in your tanning rooms?</p> <div data-bbox="1077 1189 1525 1597" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 182px; width: 281px;"></div>
<p>Adequate washing facilities should be provided for users. You should advise your clients to remove any cosmetics, deodorants and any other similar preparations that may increase skin sensitivity to UV radiation.</p>	<p>To allow clients to wash or shower before and after using the UV tanning equipment.</p>	<p>What facilities do you provide for your customers?</p> <div data-bbox="1077 1720 1525 2181" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 206px; width: 281px;"></div>

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What does the new legislation mean for me as the beauty salon owner?

<p>You should give information to your customers about the health risks associated with the use of sunbeds.</p>	<p>Over exposure to Ultra Violet (UV) radiation is a known cause of skin cancer and the number of cases in the UK continue to rise. The evidence is now clear that the use of sunbeds, particularly at an early age, increases the risk of contracting skin cancer.</p>	<p>What do you tell your customers about the health risks associated with sunbeds?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>
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<p>You should display the UV Tanning Equipment poster (or equivalent) near each sunbed and ensure that this information is explained to the person using the sunbed when they first use your salon. The poster can be found at www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/misc869.pdf.</p>		<p>Do you display the UV Tanning equipment poster (or equivalent) in your business?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>You should also provide suitable eye protection and ensure as far as possible that people who use the sunbed wear the eye protection.</p>	<p>Eye protection protects the users eyes. If suitable goggles are not worn, the person may suffer eye irritation or conjunctivitis in the short term and cataracts in the long term.</p>	<p>What eye protection do you provide to your customers?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>How do you encourage your clients to use the eye protection?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Restricted Zone

<p>The area around a sunbed is called a Restricted Zone. No-one under the age of 18 is allowed in the restricted zone. If the sunbed is not in a secluded booth, or otherwise separated from the rest of the room, the whole room is considered the restricted zone. E.g. if a sunbed is in a leisure centre changing room and not in a separated area, the whole changing room would be a restricted zone for under 18's.</p>	<p>There is a simple remedy to prevent an offence being committed. You erect a partition between the sunbed and the rest of the room. The space enclosed by the partition would be a restricted zone. A person under 18 could then enter the room without an offence being committed as long as they did not go beyond the partition. The partition would not have to be a fixed structure but it should be high enough to completely cover the sunbed.</p>	<p>Please draw a sketch of where your sunbed is situated:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>
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You must prevent any sunbeds being accessed/used by children (under 18 years old).

It is a legal requirement to do so. The risk of skin cancer is greater at an early age. Studies have found that using sunbeds for the first time before the age of 35 increases the risk of developing melanoma by 75%.

How do you ensure that no under 18's use the sunbed?

Any staff who are under the age of 18 also need to be advised that they are not to use the sunbeds. They can enter the restricted zone to perform their work activities.

Your staff will be able to perform their work duties but are not permitted to use the sunbeds.

Do you have any staff that are under 18?

Yes

No

It is recommended that you adopt a Challenge 21 system. This means that if a person appears to be under the age of 21 your staff will ask to see a form of accredited identification (ID).

Although the maximum legal age for under age products is 18 it is sometimes hard to tell if someone is under 18 so best practise advises that if you think someone looks under 21 then challenge them to ensure they are 18.

What challenge system do you use?

The best forms of ID are those with a hologram i.e. Passport, Driving Licence or PASS card.

These forms of ID cannot be easily copied.



What types of ID do you accept as proof of age in your premise?

It is good practice to use till prompts for sunbed transactions if this facility is available.

It prompts staff to challenge the customer.

Do you have till prompts reminding your staff to ask for ID?

Yes

No

If your facilities form part of a membership package such as at a leisure centre or fitness club, it is important to ensure that access to sunbeds is excluded on membership packages for under 18's.

To ensure that no-one under 18 can use the sunbeds.

You may wish to consider issuing special access cards or digital code numbers for proven adults.

Please provide details of any other procedures you have in place?

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Age Challenge Systems

It is recommended that you display prominent and clear notices that no under 18's are permitted to use sunbeds. If you would like a copy of this poster, please contact us



What notices do you have in your shop advising of your age challenge system? Where are these displayed?

Staff Training

You must advise your staff on how to check the age of your customers and the type of ID you accept. You should keep records of any training that you have provided for your staff.

It is recommended that you have written procedures for staff on how to deal with customers who may be under 18.

To ensure they are familiar with their legal duties and comply with the law. If you do not provide adequate training for your staff and a sale is made to someone under 18, then you could be liable for prosecution.

What training do you give to your staff?

Good Practice

You should keep a written record of any incident (and outcome) where a responsible member of staff challenges a potential user about their age.

It is recommended that you keep customer records of their sessions and that you limit the number of sessions clients can use the sunbeds.

This demonstrates that you are doing everything you can to prevent underage sales.

To reduce the risk of harm to your clients from the UV equipment.

What records do you keep?

Contact us

If you require any further information then please contact us:
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