

STATE OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

SANITARY AND SAFETY RULES REGULATING BARBER SHOPS AND SCHOOLS

71.223.01: Barber shops and barber schools; sanitary requirements; inspections; The Board shall by rules and regulations duly adopted, prescribe sanitary requirements for barber shops and barber schools. The Board or its employees shall regularly inspect all barber shops and barber schools in this state to insure compliance with such regulations. Such sanitary requirements and inspections shall include all activities, in addition to barbering as defined in section 71-202, taking place on the licensed premises. A written report of each such inspection made shall be submitted to the barber board. Each school or barber shop shall be called upon at least once each licensing period for the purpose of inspection prior to the issuance of its license to be eligible for renewal of certification or registration. **Source:** Laws 1963, c. 409, §. 29, p. 1328; Laws 1971, LB 1020, §. 28; Laws 1978, LB 722, §. 18; Laws 1996, LB 1044, §. 483; Laws 1997, LB 622, §. 95; Laws 1999, LB 121, §. 2.

RULE 1. RULES POSTED. The owner or manager of every barber shop or school shall keep a copy of these sanitary rules posted in a conspicuous place in the business for the information and guidance of all persons employed and studying therein, and the public generally.

RULE 2. WATER/WASTE. Each barber shop or school must supply adequate hot and cold running water. Connections must be made in cities or villages where running water is available. Waste water shall be disposed of through a system that carries it away from the building. This shall be done by sewer connections or in a manner meeting the requirements of city ordinances and the approval of the city or village Board of Health, as required by law.

RULE 3. SIGNS. A barber school shall display a sign indicating that it is a barber school. The sign shall be clearly visible at the main entrance. A sign shall also be displayed in the clinical area indicating that all services are performed by students.

RULE 4. PROPER QUARTERS. Every barber shop or school shall be a fixed, permanent structure, or a part of one, shall have adequate lighting and ventilation, plumbing fixtures properly installed, electrical connections and equipment properly installed and grounded, shall have hand washing facilities, and provide soap, dispenser type, and individual towels of cloth or paper, or other hand drying devices, provided in the clinical area. All fixtures and equipment shall be kept in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition as required by rules and regulations of the Board of Barber Examiners

RULE 5. STYPTIC. Any material used to stop the flow of blood shall be used in liquid or powder form. The use of styptic pencils is strictly prohibited.

RULE 6. HEADREST. The headrest of every barber chair shall be protected with sanitary paper or linen. Such sanitary paper or linen must be changed after its use on each client.

RULE 7. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS AND FREEDOM FROM DISEASE. Every barber and student, while engaged in serving the public, shall be neat and clean in person and in dress and free from any communicable disease. He or she shall wash his or her hands with soap and water or any equally effective cleansing agent immediately before serving each client.

RULE 8. IMPLEMENTS. All barber shops and schools of barbering shall be equipped with, and utilize wet sanitizers. All tools and implements which come in contact with a client's hair or skin must be sanitized before use on each client. With the exception of hair clippers, the sanitizing process shall consist of three steps, the elimination of any one of which shall be considered to render the sanitizing process ineffective. The three steps are: (1) Thorough washing in hot water and soap or synthetic detergent to remove all traces of soil. (2) Thorough rinsing in clear water to remove all traces of soap or detergent and (3) Complete immersion of combs and brushes and the blades of shears and razors in a fresh, clean and effective germicidal solution prepared and used in accordance with the directions on the label, after which the implement may be removed, dried and stored in a clean, covered dust proof container or cabinet. This includes the group of sanitizing agents known as "Quaternary ammonium compounds" (QUATS), 1000 parts per million (ppm). Ultra-violet ray treatment procedures are NOT acceptable in lieu of the three step sanitizing procedure mentioned in this section. The use of formaldehyde in any form is strictly prohibited in the sanitizing process. Electrical or mechanical hair clipper blades shall be cleaned and sanitized after use on each client. An oily solution of an effective germicide prepared specifically for the germicidal treatment of tools and implements may be used in accordance with the directions of the manufacturer. All germicidal solutions shall be fresh, clean and free from contaminants.

A sanitizing solution shall be available for immediate use at all times the shop or school is in operation. It shall be kept in a container large enough for complete immersion in the solution of objects, or portions thereof, to be sanitized. Each shop or school shall provide one or more sanitizers adequate for the number of barbers or students usage requirements and volume of business.

Sanitized tools and implements shall be stored separately from all others. Storage drawers for sanitized tools and implements shall be clean, free of hair and used only for the sanitized tools and implements. Storage cabinets, work stations and vanities shall be kept clean.

All soiled tools and implements shall be deposited in a separate receptacle. All nail care and waxing implements that come into direct contact with a client and are not capable of being sanitized in accordance with this rule shall be disposed of in a waste receptacle immediately after use.

Tools and implements shall not be carried in clothing pockets, nor shall they be left on cabinet tops after usage on clients. Bristle type neck dusters are not capable of being sanitized. Their use is strictly prohibited.

RULE 9. FOOD. A barber shop in a place where food is prepared and served must be separated by a partition, ceiling height, of lath and plaster, glass or other solid material. If a door is cut through, it shall be hung with spring hinges or other self closing appliances. If confectionery is sold in the barber shop, it must be in sealed packages.

RULE 10. DISEASE. No client suffering from a known communicable disease may be served in a barber shop or school.

RULE 11. TOWELS. All sanitary linen must be kept in an enclosed, dust proof cabinet. Any towel that has been used once shall be considered soiled and disposed of into a receptacle. A sanitary towel, neck strip or other protection shall be used to prevent the hair/shampoo cloth from coming into contact with the skin of each client.

RULE 12. TOILET FACILITIES. All barber shops and schools shall have acceptable toilet facilities as required by the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Barber Examiners. Toilet facilities shall have hand washing facilities and provide soap, dispenser type, and individual towels of cloth, paper or other hand drying devices.

RULE 13. PETS. No pets or animals shall be permitted in the shop or school premise. This prohibition does not apply to trained animals accompanying sightless or hearing impaired persons or to fish in a covered aquarium.

RULE 14. SMOKING, INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED. Licensees and students of barbering are prohibited from smoking while actively engaged in serving the public. No owner/lessee shall knowingly permit employees/lessors, students or clients to use, consume, serve or in any manner possess or distribute intoxicating beverages or controlled substances, unless prescribed by a physician, upon its premises during the hours the shop or school is open to the public.

RULE 15. COMPLIANCE. It shall be the personal responsibility of every licensee who is licensed under the laws of Nebraska relating to the practice of barbering, to observe these laws, the rules and regulations of the Board of Barber Examiners, Department of Environmental Quality concerning water supply and waste water disposal and Health and Human Services with the local board of health having jurisdiction.

The foregoing sanitary rules regulating barber shops and schools have been promulgated by the Board of Barber Examiners. They were adopted after due notice and hearing as provided by law, and are filed with the Secretary of State. These rules supersede all previous rules of the Board on this subject. The effective date of these rules is March 31, 2010.