

Violations Related to Unlicensed Activity in Salons

Unlicensed activity occurs when an individual represents themselves as a state licensed professional or offers services for compensation that require a state license. Unlicensed activity is illegal in Florida and can result in misdemeanor or felony charges if an individual is convicted. The Board of Cosmetology has designated the following violations related to unlicensed activity:

Violations by Unlicensed Persons:

- Operating a cosmetology salon without a license
- Practicing cosmetology or a specialty or holding oneself out as a cosmetologist while not being licensed
- Presenting as one's own the license of another
- Impersonating any other license holder
- Using or attempting to use a revoked license

Licensees should also be aware of the following violations designated by the Board of Cosmetology related to operating without a current and active license:

Violations by Licensees:

- Transferring ownership or changing location of a salon without approval of DBPR
- Operating a cosmetology salon with an expired or delinquent license
- Permitting a person to practice cosmetology or a specialty without a current and active license
- Engaging in the practice of cosmetology with an inactive or expired license

Contact DBPR

Customer Contact Center: 850-487-1395
Report Unlicensed Activity: 866-532-1440
www.MyFloridaLicense.com



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CLIPS AND TIPS FOR THE COSMETOLOGY PROFESSIONS



Licensed by the Florida DBPR

By law, cosmetology salons and individuals performing any cosmetology service in Florida must be licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR).

In the interest of public health, safety and welfare, important sanitation and safety standards are required of Florida's cosmetology salons. DBPR monitors compliance with these requirements through routine biennial inspections of licensed establishments.

Licensed cosmetologists and specialists receive formal training from licensed Florida cosmetology schools, as well as continuing education courses prior to license renewal.

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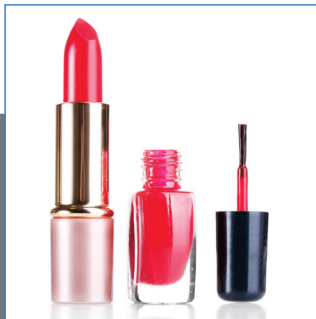
License Categories

- Cosmetology
- Manicuring/Pedicuring/Nail Extensions
- Facials
- Hair Braiding
- Hair Wrapping
- Body Wrapping
- Cosmetology Salons
- Mobile Cosmetology Salons

Steps to Opening a New Cosmetology Salon

- File a new application with DBPR.
- Pay the appropriate fee.
- If applicable, surrender the old license from the previously licensed salon with the new application.
- Meet the safety and sanitation requirements for cosmetology salons.
- Be issued a new cosmetology salon license.
- Post the salon license within view of the front entrance or in the waiting area.
- Verify that the individuals practicing cosmetology services in the salon are licensed.
- Require each licensee to post their laminated license with a current photo at their workstation.
- Receive an unannounced, initial inspection after your license has been issued.

To learn more, please refer to the *Frequently Asked Questions* section on the DBPR website www.MyFloridaLicense.com.



How to Apply for a License

Please visit www.MyFloridaLicense.com to apply online or download a printable application.

Mail printed applications to:

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Central Intake Unit
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783

For questions or assistance with the application process, please call the Customer Contact Center at 850-487-1395.

Health Risks Linked to Artificial Nail Ingredient

MMA (methyl methacrylate monomer) is an ingredient sometimes used in artificial nails and is banned in Florida cosmetology salons because of related health risks.

There are serious side effects linked to MMA for both the consumer and the nail technician including:

- Skin allergies;
- Headaches;
- Loss of the nail plate;
- Loss of sensation in the fingertips; and
- Painful nail breaks or tears, which often result in infection.

If you were unaware of Florida's ban on MMA and want to verify if your products contain the illegal substance, check the Safety Data Sheet for a list of the ingredients within the artificial nail products.

MMA that is being used or stored in a salon could prompt an administrative case by the department. If this happens, criminal charges may be brought against you or the salon. Using or possessing MMA is a 2nd degree misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine and/or imprisonment not to exceed 60 days.

