

CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL



BYE-LAWS RELATING TO
REGISTRATION OF EAR PIERCING AND
ELECTROLYSIS

Cannock Chase Council
Registration of Ear Piercing and Electrolysis

Bye-laws made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 by Cannock Chase Council in relation to Ear Piercing and Electrolysis.

1. Interpretation

(a) In these bye-laws unless the context otherwise requires:-

"The Act" means the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

"Client" means any person undergoing treatment;

"Premises" means any premises registered under Part VIII of the Act

"Proprietor" means any person registered under Part VIII of the Act

"Treatment" means any operation effecting ear piercing or electrolysis

"The treatment area" means any part of premises where treatment is given to clients

(b) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of these byelaws as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. For the purpose of securing the cleanliness of premises and fittings therein, a proprietor shall ensure that:-

(a) all internal walls, doors, windows, partitions, floors and floor coverings and ceilings in any part of the premises used by clients and operators are kept clean and in such good repair as to enable them to be cleaned effectively.

(b) All waste material and other litter arising from the treatment is placed in suitable covered receptacles which are washable and leakproof or use a leakproof liner bag. The receptacles shall be emptied or the bags changed at least once every working day or more frequently as

necessary, and the material disposed of safely. Where liners are not used the receptacles shall then be cleaned.

- (c) All needles used in treatment are placed after use in separate covered and leakproof reusable boxes, or disposable needle boxes designed for the purpose. When reusable boxes are used they shall be emptied at least once every working day or more frequently as necessary and the contents disposed of safely or sterilised for reuse as appropriate. The box shall then be sterilised. Where needle boxes are used they shall be disposed of safely at suitable intervals.
- (d) All furniture and fittings in the treatment area kept clean and in such good repair as to enable them to be cleaned effectively.
- (e) All tables, couches, and seats used by clients in the treatment area and any surface on which the items specified in 3b. below are placed immediately prior to treatment to have a smooth impervious surface which is wiped down regularly with a suitable disinfectant.
- (f) Where tables or couches are used they shall be covered by a disposable paper sheet which shall be changed for each client.
- (g) A notice or notices reading "No Smoking" are prominently displayed within the treatment area.

3. For the purpose of securing the cleansing and so far as is appropriate the sterilisation of instruments, materials and equipment used in connection within the treatment room:-

- (a) an operator shall ensure that, before used in connection with treatment, any gown, wrap, or other protective clothing, paper or other covering, towel, cloth or other such articles used in the treatment:-
 - (i) is clean and in good repair and, so far as is appropriate, is sterile
 - (ii) has not previously been used in connection with any other client unless it consists of a material which can be and has been adequately cleaned, and so far as is appropriate, sterilised.

- (b) An operator shall ensure that any needle, metal instrument, or other item of equipment used in treatment or for handling instruments and needles used in treatment is in a sterile condition and kept sterile until it is used.
- (c) A proprietor shall provide-
 - (i) adequate facilities and equipment for the purposes of sterilisations (unless pre-sterilised items are used) and of cleansing as required in pursuance of these byelaws.
 - (ii) sufficient and safe gas points and / or electrical socket outlets to enable compliance with these byelaws.
 - (iii) An adequate constant supply of clean hot and cold water readily available at all times on the premises
 - (iv) Adequate storage for all items mentioned in byelaw 3a and 3b above so that those items shall be properly stored in a clean and suitable place so as to avoid as far as possible the risk of contamination.

4. For the purpose of securing the cleanliness of operators :-

9(a) an operator whilst giving treatment shall ensure that:-

- (i) his hands are clean
- (ii) he is wearing clean clothing
- (iii) he keeps any open boil, sore, cut or open wound on an exposed part of his body effectively covered by an impermeable dressing
- (iv) he does not smoke or consume food or drink

(b) a proprietor shall provide:-

- (i) suitable and sufficient washing facilities for the use of operators; such facilities to have hot and cold water, sanitising soap or detergent and a nail brush
- (ii) suitable and sufficient sanitary accommodation for operators

NOTE

The following does not form part of the bye-laws:

- A. Proprietors shall take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with these bye-laws by persons working on the premises. Section 16(9) of the Act lays down that a registered person shall cause to be prominently displayed on the premises a copy of these byelaws and a copy of any certificate of registration issued to him under Part VIII of the Act.
- B. Section 16(1) and (2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 provides that any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400. If the convicted person is registered under Part VIII of the Act, the Court may instead of or in addition to imposing a fine order the suspension or cancellation of his registration, and of the registration of the premises in which the offence was committed if such premises