



# Electrology Safety Tips

Electrologists are licensed and regulated in California by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. The Board works to ensure that electrologists follow State law and infection control standards.

## KEEP EQUIPMENT CLEAN

- Sterilizers should be loaded, operated, maintained, and cleaned according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Chemical indicators should be used on implement packages and should be visible on the outside of each sterilized package.
- Biological monitors should be used no less than once a month (per sterilizer) and according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Lab safety reports should be filed in a permanent Sterility Assurance file.

## FOLLOW SAFE PRACTICES

- Wear a fresh pair of nonsterile, medical grade, latex, nitrile, or vinyl disposable examination gloves during the treatment of each client.
- Use only needles that are single-use, presterilized, and disposable.
- Cover headrests with fresh, disposable paper drapes before each client.
- Follow ALL of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on standard precautions for infection control. Find them at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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### STERILIZE TOOLS PROPERLY

- Electrolysis implements must be sterilized with a steam (autoclave) or dry heat sterilizer that is registered and listed with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Check with the FDA to determine if your sterilizer is registered and listed. Go online to **[www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfRL/rl.cfm](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfRL/rl.cfm)**. In the "Product Code" field, type "FLE" for steam (autoclaves), "KMH" for dry heat sterilizers. Currently, there are no ultraviolet sterilizers approved by the FDA.

