



Body and Beauty Art

Barbicide®

What is the Health Risk?

You and your clients are at risk of being exposed to HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or other microorganisms such as bacteria or fungi.

You do not have to see blood or body fluids on equipment or surfaces for an infection to occur.

What is Barbicide?

- Barbicide is a low level disinfectant that **may** be used to disinfect non critical items such as
 - combs;
 - brushes;
 - hair rollers;
 - instruments for razoring/feathering hair.
- Other types/brands of low level disinfectants may be used to disinfect non-critical equipment.
- Non critical items are items that contact only hair or intact skin (i.e. no cuts, rashes etc. observed on the scalp/skin).
- If a non critical item nicks the skin it must be cleaned* and then disinfected with an intermediate to high level disinfectant.

***See the General and Operational Requirements fact sheet for detailed cleaning and disinfecting steps.**

How should Barbicide be used?

- Always clean equipment, such as combs and brushes, with soap and a brush under running water. Dry the cleaned equipment **before** soaking items in Barbicide.
- The Barbicide solution must be made fresh daily (or as required by the manufacturer).
- Disinfectants lose strength the more they are used and the longer they are kept.
- Make sure all items are completely immersed in the Barbicide solution. This includes the handles of all combs and brushes.
- The items being disinfected must remain in the solution for the required contact time (follow the manufacturer's instructions for contact times).
- After soaking in Barbicide, rinse the item with running water.
- Store clean, disinfected and dry items in a clean drawer or container with a lid. Never store clean and dirty items together.

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