

# Requirements for Personal Services at Temporary Events and Trade Shows

The requirements of Alberta Health Services, Environmental Public Health (EPH) for the safe operation of personal services at temporary events and trade shows are described below. Please refer to the **Personal Services Regulation** for a complete list of requirements.

The Organizer of any Temporary Personal Services Event or Trade Show must notify EPH at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. You may be required to complete a **Temporary Personal Services (Organizer) Notification**.

More information, regulations and forms are available at [www.albertahealthservices.ca/4656.asp](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/4656.asp).

## **INVASIVE PERSONAL SERVICES**

Skin invasive personal services include tattooing, permanent make-up, body piercing, and any other procedure that penetrates intact skin.

### *If you are offering skin invasive personal services at a temporary event, you **MUST**:*

- **Contact** your local EPH office.
- Complete the **Temporary Personal Services (Vendor) Notification** and forward to EPH at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event.
- Be aware that a health inspection by an Environmental Health Officer/Public Health Inspector (EHO/PHI) **is required prior to** operating any temporary personal services booth offering skin-invasive procedures.

## **NON-INVASIVE PERSONAL SERVICES**

Skin non-invasive personal services include barbering, hairdressing, hair braiding, massage, and esthetics such as manicures, pedicures, waxing, make-up, and face painting.

- Follow the sanitary practices and disinfection requirements provided in this document.
- Be aware that a health inspection by an EHO/PHI **may** occur anytime while the temporary personal services booth offering non-invasive procedures is operating.

## 1. Equipment Disinfection

- All equipment and supplies that come into direct contact with the person’s skin, but do not penetrate intact skin, must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use, and kept clean until used again.
- All disinfectants must be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
- All disinfectants must have a Drug Identification Number (DIN). Disinfectants without DINs are not suitable for use.

Disinfectants are generally classified in the following three categories.

- **High Level Disinfectants**  
These disinfectants have DINs and state “high-level disinfection” on label.
- **Intermediate Level Disinfectants**  
These disinfectants have DINs and have a TB, *Tuberculocide* or *Mycobactericide* claim; or are labeled effective against *Mycobacterium bovis*, *Mycobacterium terrae* or *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
- **Low Level Disinfectants**  
These disinfectants have DINs and a general “disinfectant” claim on label. There may be statements about effectiveness against many different organisms.

- Acceptable disinfectants for certain reusable personal services equipment are described in the table below.

Reusable Equipment	Examples	Acceptable Disinfectant
Hair Control	combs, scissors, bandeaus, barrettes	Low-level disinfectant
Make-up and Face Painting	pencils, crayons, stencils, applicators (if reusable)	
Washable Client Contact Surfaces	tables, mats, chairs, other surfaces that come into contact with clients (Surfaces must be free of cracks and in good repair.)	
Metal Implements	nail clippers, cuticle pushers, tweezers, callus removers, clip cords, tattoo machines	Intermediate-level disinfectant
Soak Bowls	manicure hand soak bowls, pedicure foot baths	

- Acceptable practices for certain single-use personal services equipment are described in the table below.

Single-use Equipment	Examples	Acceptable Practice
Linens	bed sheets, pillow cases	Change with each client, launder after each use.  Place used/dirty linens in proper laundry containers.
Disposable Esthetics Equipment	wooden wax applicators and cuticle pushers, paper or foam nail files/emery boards, foam sandals and toe separators, sponges, make-up applicators, razors from callus removers	Discard after use.  Place used equipment in proper waste containers.

## 2. Handwashing Stations

- An approved handwashing station is required in or near every booth where personal services are performed. Washroom sinks are not acceptable handwashing stations.
- Temporary handwashing stations may be permitted by the local EHO/PHI in limited circumstances. See page 4 for information on temporary handwashing stations.
- **Hand sanitizers** do not replace traditional handwashing. The local EHO/PHI may allow the use of hand sanitizers in limited circumstances if **all four** of the following conditions are met:
  - An approved handwashing station is located in reasonable proximity to the booth.
  - The personal service worker's hands are not visibly soiled.
  - The personal service worker is not performing skin invasive procedures.
  - The hand sanitizer contains a minimum of 60% alcohol.

## 3. Garbage

- An adequate number of garbage containers must be provided.
- Liquid waste must either be discharged directly to an approved sanitary sewer, or stored in a totally enclosed wastewater holding tank.

**For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health office.**

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# Temporary Handwashing Stations for Personal Services

Alberta Health Services requires on-site handwashing facilities where personal services are being performed at temporary events and trade shows. **A temporary handwashing station may be permitted in limited circumstances.**

Here is a description of the temporary handwashing station required for each participant, to be set up in the booth where personal services are performed:

1. Potable water in a container with a minimum capacity of five (5) gallons or twenty (20) litres is required. The water should be warm, between 30°C - 45°C. The acceptable method for washing hands is in the stream of running water, using soap, for approximately 20 seconds. Do not wash your hands in water that is resting in the catch basin.

An example would be a 5 gallon (20L) camping jug or coffee urn with a **tap or spigot** that allows a hands-free flow of water and filled with water that is maintained at proper temperature.

2. A collection system to catch the wastewater from handwashing. The waste collection system must be equal or greater in capacity than the potable water container.
3. Single-use towels and liquid soap in suitable dispensers.



Water shall be disposed of in a toilet or other receptacle connected to a sanitary sewer. Do not dump wastewater into the storm sewer.

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