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MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2006

TO: Colorado Salon Owners and Licensees

FROM: Kevin D. Heupel,
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RE: Safe "Sharps" Disposal

The Colorado Office of Barbering and Cosmetology Licensure (Office) is concerned about the disposal of sharp objects used in salons, spas, and barbershops. Unfortunately, many salons and shops have not complied with the disposal requirements for sharps. Pursuant to Rule 2(A)(9):

Lancets, disposable razors, and other sharp objects shall be disposed in puncture-resistant containers marked with a biohazard symbol for disposal immediately after use on a client.

The Office realizes that many owners and licensees have not been aware of nor have known how to comply with this requirement. Used needles and other sharps should never be placed loosely in your trash or flushed down the toilet. This increases the risk of accidental exposure for sanitation and sewage treatment workers, janitors, and your family. Used sharps should always be placed in a rigid container with a screw-on or other tightly secured lid.

A new program by Stericycle called the "Steri-Safe Sharps Mailback Program" helps to ensure compliance with Rule 2. Basically, this program allows salons and shops to collect used sharps in a puncture resistant container, and once the container is full, it can be mailed to a disposal location. The attached flier provides more information about the program.

This is not an official endorsement by the Office and other suppliers such as Allegro Medical, Becton-Dickinson, Bio-Express, Colorado Medical Waste, Colorado Waste Management, a local pharmacy, or health care provider may be available to provide assistance. However, the Office encourages salon owners and licensees to review this program and others in order to comply with Rule 2 and safeguard the public's health, welfare, and safety.

Attachment

Other companies providing disposal services:

Allegro Medical

<http://www.allegromedical.com/categories/shop-by-category/syringes/sharps-disposal/4054.html>

Becton-Dickinson

<http://catalog.bd.com/bdCat/attributeSearch.doCustomer?priority=0&categoryID=113>

Bio-Express

<http://www.mailmeaway.com/>

Colorado Medical Waste, Inc.

<http://www.coloradomedicalwaste.com/>

Colorado Waste Management

<http://www.wm.com/WM/services/sharps.asp>

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"S H A R P S"
D I S P O S A L

➔ Important Guidelines
*for Salons, Cosmetology
Shops, and Barbers*



Work **SAFELY**

By complying with the
Updated Rules and Regulations
of the Colorado Office of
Barber and Cosmetology Licensure

Lancets, disposable razors, and other sharp objects shall be disposed in puncture-resistant containers marked with a biohazard symbol for disposal immediately after use on a client.

➔ Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure, Rule 2, #9

OSHA mandates universal precautions, (treating body fluids/materials as if infectious) emphasizing engineering and work practice controls to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.

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Anyone who can “reasonably expect to come in contact with blood or potentially infectious materials” as part of their job is covered by OSHA’s Bloodborne Pathogen Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1030.



Safe, Convenient Disposal Options for Sharps.

Learn more about the hazards, your options, and our simplified mailback program.



What "SHARPS" used by barbers and cosmeticians require special disposal?

A. Lancets, disposable razors, needles, and other sharp objects shall be disposed in puncture-resistant containers marked with a biohazard symbol for disposal immediately after use on a client.

What are the dangers of used sharps?

A. People exposed to sharps face not only the risk of a painful stick, but also the risk of contracting a life-altering disease such as HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B or C. Needlestick (sharps) injuries are a preventable health risk. You can take specific actions to protect yourself and your employees from this risk.

What safe disposal options should I consider?

A. Stericycle, the largest regulated medical waste management company in North America, offers a worry-free solution for disposing of your regulated waste and managing essential OSHA compliance using their Steri-Safe™ Sharps Mailback Program.

Steri-Safe™ Sharps Mailback Program combines medical waste removal and OSHA compliance in one simplified program.



The Steri-Safe™ Sharps Mailback Program offers everything you need for the collection, packaging, documentation, and disposal of Regulated Medical Waste at your facility. Use the program kit, to properly dispose of your regulated medical waste—when the container is full (or it's time for replacement), simply mail it to our disposal facility in the postage-paid box provided. **It's that easy!**

The Steri-Safe™ Mailback Program also includes:

- Steri-Safe™ OSHA Compliance Program Manual*
- Bloodborne Pathogens Training CD*
- Employee Safety Meeting CD*
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)*

**Included components based on program level selected.*



- ➔ **Safe** *The Steri-Safe™ Sharps Mailback Program reduces the risk of exposure to Regulated Medical Waste by providing a disposal system that is safe and easy for your employees to use.*
- ➔ **Compliant** *Extensively tested, each kit is approved by the U.S. Postal Service. Stericycle's Mailback System complies with all federal regulations.*
- ➔ **Cost-Effective** *Allows for the safe disposal of Regulated Medical Waste in a cost-effective manner for smaller generators.*

For more information about the Steri-Safe™ Mailback Program

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A Stericycle Compliance Representative will help you select the right service level for your facility.

For Special Pricing, Mention Promo Code: **COSALON**



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