

# 202

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Follow health and safety practice  
in the salon

This may not seem like the most exciting unit, but it's essential for everyone who enters a salon. You'll learn about health and safety legislation and how it relates to your everyday work. You need to understand your own responsibilities, be aware of hazards, and play a part in reducing risks. Soon you'll be able to support the salon in maintaining a professional, safe and hygienic environment, for you and your colleagues to work in, and for clients to visit.

## Assignment mark sheet

### Unit 202 Follow health and safety practice in the salon

This page is used to record if you have passed the unit. You must pass **all** parts of the tasks to be able to pass the unit. There are no practical tasks in this unit.

#### What you must know

Task 1a: chart

Task 1b: poster

Task 1c: leaflet

Task 1d: chart

**Or** tick if covered by an online test

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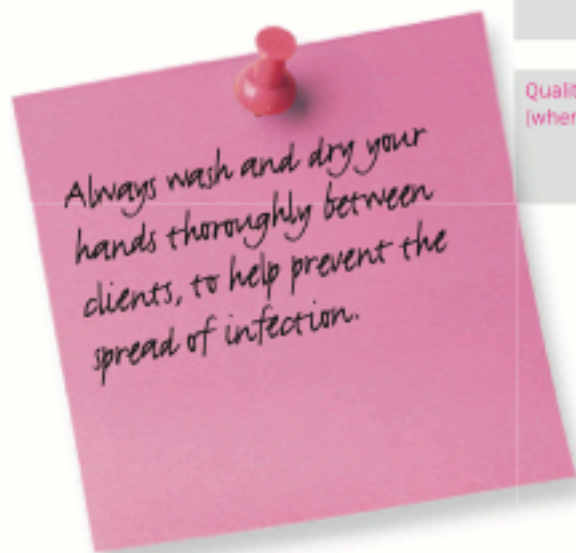
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## What does it mean?

### Some useful words are explained below

#### Autoclave

A device for sterilising hairdressing tools in very hot pressurised steam.



#### COSHH

Standing for Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, this legislation covers the storage, handling, using and disposing of chemicals, eg colouring products, styling lotions, etc.

#### Cross-infection

The passing of infection from one individual to another.

#### Dermatitis

A common skin condition suffered by hairdressers, when wet work and contact with chemicals causes soreness, redness and itchiness.

#### Disinfectant

Chemical solutions used to kill bacteria when cleaning and sterilising tools, equipment and the salon.

#### HASAWA

Standing for Health and Safety at Work Act, it states the responsibilities of the employer and employee. All the other health and safety acts come under this one.

#### Hazard

Something dangerous, such as scissors or chemicals.



#### Health and safety legislation

Laws in place to protect people: it is essential to follow all health and safety legislation.

#### Health and safety policy

The manager of a salon is required by law to draw up a health and safety policy for their business. This must be accessible to all employees, who must read and understand the requirements of the policy.

#### Legal requirements

These affect the way the salon operates, how it is set up and maintained, the staff employed in the salon, and their working practice.



#### Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Equipment available for use in the workplace to protect you, your skin and clothes from damage. For example, gloves, aprons, or overalls.



#### Risk

The likelihood of harm: a water spillage in the middle of the floor has a high risk, whereas one in a corner where nobody walks has a low risk.

#### Workplace policy

Rules and procedures relating to health and safety and other salon requirements: they minimise the risk of harm or injury to yourself and others.

#### Revision tip

PPE regulations state that the employer must provide suitable protective clothing and equipment for the employee to use when handling chemicals in the salon. The employee must use the PPE provided.

## What you must know

### You must be able to:

- 1 Explain the difference between legislation, codes of practice and workplace policies
- 2 Outline the main provisions of health and safety legislation
- 3 State the employers' and employees' health and safety responsibilities
- 4 State the difference between a hazard and a risk
- 5 Describe hazards that may occur in a salon
- 6 State the hazards which need to be referred
- 7 State the purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE) used in a salon during different services
- 8 State the importance of personal presentation, hygiene and conduct in maintaining health and safety in the salon

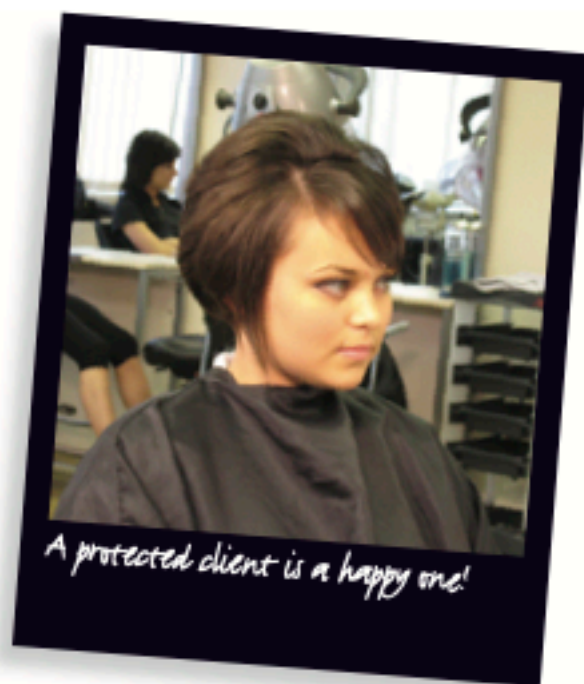
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### Be the next ... *Sharon Peake*



North Western Hairdresser of the Year for two years running, Sharon is one of the most sought-after creative directors in the industry. With two salons in Manchester, stunning photographic collections, and stage presentation for several hairdressing giants under her belt, Sharon's creative styling and avant garde designs are sure to guarantee her a place in the hairdressing hall of fame for years to come. **Look for the pink quote marks to see what she has to say to you!**



- 9 State the importance of maintaining the security of belongings
- 10 Outline the principles of hygiene and infection control
- 11 Describe the methods used in the salon to ensure hygiene
- 12 Describe the effectiveness and limitations of different infection control techniques
- 13 Describe how to dispose of different types of salon waste
- 14 Outline the correct use of firefighting equipment for different types of fires
- 15 State the dangers of the incorrect use of firefighting equipment on different types of fires
- 16 State the importance of reporting and recording accidents
- 17 Describe the procedure for reporting and recording accidents
- 18 Describe procedures for dealing with emergencies

#### Revision tip

All fire extinguishers are coloured red, with a different coloured label to identify the contents. For example, an extinguisher with a red label contains water, and should not be used on electrical equipment.

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*If you stand in the right position, you won't suffer from back problems later in life, and you will look far more professional.*

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## Comment form

### Unit 202 Follow health and safety practice in the salon

This form can be used to record comments by you, your client, or your assessor.

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*Always adopt the correct stance when you're working, particularly when cutting.*



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