

Health and Safety Requirements

Face Painting, Henna, Temporary Tattoos and Airbrushing at Special Events and Markets

Notify Environmental Public Health

Special event organizers must notify Environmental Public Health prior to allowing any vendor to offer a personal service such as Face Painting, Henna, Temporary Tattoos and Airbrushing at an event. Contact us at 1-833-476-4743 or [submit a request online](#) at ahs.ca/eph

Hand hygiene

- Ensure there is access to a handwashing sink that is equipped with warm running water, liquid soap and a sanitary option for drying hands.
- Hand hygiene consists of washing hands with soap and warm running water when hands are not visibly clean. Alcohol based hand rub may be used on visibly clean hands.
- When to perform hand hygiene:
 - Before and after each client service.
 - Before and after using gloves during client service.
- If a mobile sink is used for hand hygiene, ensure there are instructions on how to operate and maintain the sink.
- Single-use gloves may be used for all personal services and are **mandatory** when providing a service involving hand contact with mucous membranes (tissues that line body cavities or canals such as the throat, nose, mouth) or broken or punctured skin.

Equipment and supplies

- Use single-use and disposable applicators whenever possible as most temporary events lack necessary provisions for proper cleaning and disinfection of equipment.
- Do not use a reprocessing (cleaning, disinfecting, or sterilizing) sink for handwashing unless you have written procedures for cleaning and disinfecting the area between the different activities.
- Keep activities separate from the service area (and if applicable, also the reprocessing area), such as:
 - Dining
 - Food preparation
 - Storage of personal effects
 - Sleeping
- Sharpen the tips of eye and lip pencils with a clean pencil sharpener. Wipe pencils, pens and other applicators with a disinfectant after each client service.
- Ensure containers of water used to clean brushes are changed after each client.
- Ensure stencils are made from non-porous material and maintain stencils in a visibly clean condition. Wipe down reusable stencils with a disinfectant after each use.
- Protect bulk supplies of make-up and paint from contamination by pre-portioning smaller amounts. Do not double dip applicators.

Cosmetic safety

- Use cosmetics only as intended and as directed by the manufacturer. A “non-toxic” label may not indicate that it is safe to use on the skin. E.g., Acrylic paint may be non-toxic, but is not intended to be used on skin.
 - Ensure cosmetics used are in compliance with [Health Canada’s Ingredient Hotlist](#):
 - Cosmetics containing **prohibited** ingredients must never be used.
 - Cosmetics containing **restricted** ingredients have warnings and cautionary statements and must be used accordingly. E.g., Coal tar dye (p-Phenylenediamine) is not permitted in products intended for use on the skin.
- Other considerations:**
- Assess the condition of the client’s skin. Avoid applying cosmetics on non-intact skin and mucous membranes.
 - Skin should be cleansed prior to applying cosmetics.
 - Young children receiving services should be able to sit still for the duration of the service to prevent accidental injury.
 - Check with clients or their parents for known allergies, and/or sensitivities to cosmetics.
 - Watch out for signs of [allergic reactions](#), such as swollen, red, or itchy skin, during services. Know [what to do](#) if someone has an allergic reaction.

Cleaning and disinfection

- Routinely clean your temporary event space and maintain it in a visibly clean condition.
- Thoroughly clean surfaces that touch client skin after every client service.
- Disinfectants:
 - Must have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) issued by Health Canada.
 - For ease of use, select ready to use disinfectants that don’t require mixing of chemicals with water.
 - Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use including dilution and contact time.
- Face painting creates unique challenges as single use instruments are not available and instruments normally used cannot withstand the effects of some disinfectants. The following alternatives may be followed to ensure the service provider meets the requirements outlined in the Personal Services Standards. Face painting brushes and sponges should be washed, dried, and then treated with a product suitable to reduce the number of microorganisms such as 70% isopropyl alcohol spray. These chemicals do not require a DIN but may have a Natural Product Number (NPN) issued by Health Canada.

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