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Industry Bulletin 2/28/2013 – USE OF LASERS

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology would like to remind licensees that the use of a laser is out of the scope of practice for any person licensed with the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. California Business and Professions Code Section 7320.5 states:

“Any licensee who uses a laser in the treatment of any human being is guilty of a misdemeanor.”

This prohibition applies to the use of **ALL** lasers regardless of the known health risks. Please remember that lasers can only be used by a licensed medical doctor, a physician assistant or registered nurse who is supervised by a doctor. Cosmetologists, electrologists, and estheticians are not allowed to use lasers for treatment even with a doctor’s supervision. If an inspector comes into a salon and a licensee is using a device that is called a laser (cold laser, non-thermal laser, hair enhancement laser, etc.) the individual licensee and salon owners could be subject to an administrative fine and possible discipline.