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## **Industry Bulletin – Use of Ultra Violet Sterilizer Units**

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) would like to make its licensees and consumers aware that all non-electrical, disinfectable tools must be disinfected using the following method:

- (1) Remove all visible debris.
- (2) Clean with soap or detergent and water.
- (3) Completely dry tools with a new, clean paper towel.
- (4) Then totally immerse in an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity, used according to manufacturer's instructions.
- (5) Licensees or students shall wear protective gloves or use tongs when removing tools from the disinfectant.

The Board does not recognize the use of ultraviolet sterilizer units as an approved method of disinfecting soiled tools. If your establishment chooses to purchase and use one of these devices, please make sure that in addition to the use of the machine, you are still following the disinfection procedures outlined above. In addition, the outside of the unit should be labeled in accordance to Section 979 (d) of the California Code of Regulations:

- (d) All disinfected tools shall be stored in a clean, covered place which is labeled as “Clean” Or “Disinfected”.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 7312, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 7312(e), Business and Professions Code.

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