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Industry Bulletin – 8/6/2014 – Methyl Methacrylate Monomer (MMA)

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) would like to make its licensees and consumers aware that the use of products that contain the ingredient MMA is prohibited for use in Board licensed establishments. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has concluded that liquid methyl methacrylate is a poisonous and deleterious substance that should not be used in fingernail preparations.

MMA may be found in products used for artificial nail enhancements. This product can be identified by its very strong fruity odor. The use of MMA can cause the artificial nail to adhere so strongly to the natural nail bed that it may cause the nail bed to be removed under extreme pressure. You could have a severe allergic reaction to products containing this chemical and there is the potential for dangerous nail infections resulting from breaks in the natural nail.