

Is Your Salon Squeaky Clean?

Take This 10-Question Quiz to Find Out!

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Questions:

1. Every leading maker of bed and goggle sanitizing solution recommends that you mix the solution daily.
TRUE / FALSE
2. Goggle elastics don't need disinfection.
TRUE / FALSE
3. Goggles need to be replaced when they develop rough surfaces.
TRUE / FALSE
4. Goggles can be dipped in disinfectant solution and dried on a towel without first being rinsed.
TRUE / FALSE
5. You should keep a lid on a goggle-cleaning container to prevent solution contamination.
TRUE / FALSE
6. You can use products on sunbeds and eyewear that aren't specifically made for tanning salon use, such as Barbasol, which is used in the beauty industry.
TRUE / FALSE
7. Tanners should keep their personal eyewear in a re-sealable plastic bag or box to prevent contamination.
TRUE / FALSE
8. A quaternary strip is used to test sunlamps.
TRUE / FALSE
9. The law requires that eyewear be provided to tanners free of charge.
TRUE / FALSE / ONLY IN SOME STATES
10. Keeping a log that tells when your goggle disinfectant solution was last prepared is helpful when your state salon inspector stops in.
TRUE / FALSE

Answers:

1. **True.** Manufacturers follow the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which require that goggle and sunbed disinfectant be mixed daily. The solution loses strength quickly.
2. **False.** Goggle elastics should be soaked for as long as goggles to avoid passing contaminants from skin and hair.
3. **True.** According to the makers of Super Sunnies goggles, a rough surface or deep gouge in the plastic can hold bacteria despite cleaning.
4. **False.** Goggles need a 10-minute soak to be disinfected. Most manufacturers recommend they be rinsed in clean water before being dried thoroughly.
5. **True.** Disinfectant manufacturers suggest you keep a lid on the solution container to keep ocular pathogens out and prevent evaporation during the day.
6. **False.** The Florida State Department of Health warns salon operators that products containing alcohol can quickly damage sunbed acrylics and eyewear lenses. Barbasol actually melts the plastic.
7. **True.** Lucas Products recommends that tanners keep their personal eyewear in a re-closeable plastic bag or box if it was not sold with a container.
8. **False.** A quaternary strip is a litmus paper that tests the strength of sanitizing solution, and should be used in every salon to ensure proper mixing of sunbed/goggle disinfectant, says Robert Urfer, President of Lucas Products.
9. **Only in some states.** The FDA only requires that a tanner wear eye protection when tanning; individual states have expanded on this. According to Jackie DeWald of Eye Pro, Inc., the states that require providing free eye protection are Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The states that DO NOT ALLOW shared eyewear are New Hampshire, Iowa and Kentucky. This is due to cold and flu viruses being spread via improperly cleaned eyewear. All other states allow the salon owner to determine how they provide eye protection.
10. **True.** It's a great idea to provide a log to show an inspector that you take salon sanitation very seriously. ■

Scoring

9-10:

You are Squeaky Clean

7-8:

A bit more polish is in order

6 or less:

It's time to clean

up your act!



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