

# Standard Procedure Do You Properly Clean Goggles?

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Standard

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Many tanning salons no longer provide “community” (loaner) goggles. Only three states require that eye protection be provided for free: New York, Pennsylvania and Texas. When sanitizing loaner goggles, please ensure that you are following these steps to prevent spreading disease in your salon.



**1** Gloves must be worn while mixing cleaning solutions. It's very strong in its concentrated

form and can irritate skin. Mix exactly according to directions; too little and you spread pinkeye; too strong and you damage goggles ... or someone's eyes!



**2** Test EACH batch of solution with a quaternary strip (must score between 400-700,

with 700 being optimum).



**3** Scrub goggles to remove all foreign particles before soaking in solution.



**4** Soak goggles (and elastic straps, if used) for a minimum of 10 minutes.



**5** Rinse in clean running water and dry thoroughly. Residual solution can irritate eyes.



**6** Store in a clean, protected container with a lid to avoid airborne contaminants.



**7** Dispose of solution each night and re-mix fresh each morning; solution must be

replaced **AT LEAST** every 24 hours. To be prepared for inspector visits, it's a good idea to keep a log of when solutions are mixed. ■



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