

The Right Disinfectant for the Right Tool

Hairdressing and Barbering Chart



	ITEM	ACTIVE INGREDIENT OR BRAND NAME	CONTACT TIME	IMMERSE OR WIPE	
NON-CRITICAL INTERMEDIATE	INSTRUMENTS Hair scissors* Electric clippers* Tweezers* Crochet hooks (cap highlighting)* Handles and cradles for shaving razor used on skin* *If instrument nicks the skin, Intermediate level of disinfectant required	Bleach and water 1:50, 1000ppm - <i>Mix 2 tablespoons bleach to 4 cups water (mix daily)</i>	10 minutes	Immerse	
		70-90% Isopropyl or ethyl alcohol (<i>change after each use</i>)	10 minutes	Immerse	
		Cavicide, Cavicide 1	3-10 minutes	Immerse	
		0.5% HP (Accel PREvention, Accel TB, PREempt, Optim, Virox 5)	3-5 minutes	Immerse	
		Quaternary ammonium (Barbicide, Marvicide)	10 minutes	Immerse	
NON-CRITICAL LOW	Hair scissors Hair rollers	5.25% Bleach and water 1:500, 100 ppm - <i>Mix ½ teaspoon bleach to 4 cups water (mix daily)</i>	10 minutes	Immerse	
	Combs Reusable make-up brushes				
	Brushes Crochet hooks (cap highlighting)				
	Electric clippers Handles and cradles for shaving razor used on skin	Oster, Wahl, Clippicide	10 minutes	Spray	
	Clipper guards				
	SURFACES Counters	5.25% Bleach and water 1:500, 100 ppm - <i>Mix ½ teaspoon bleach to 4 cups water (mix daily)</i>	Allow to dry	Wipe	
	Chairs	0.5% HP (Accel PREvention, Accel TB, PREempt, Optim, Virox 5)	3-5 minutes	Wipe	
		Quat or chlorine-based wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Kirkland)	Varies by product	Wipe	
	DISPOSABLE ITEMS (SINGLE USE) Razor blades (shaving) Make-up applicators Wax applicators (sticks, roll-on wax) Tint applicators	Not applicable, as items are to be used one time only. Discard after use. Dispose of sharps in approved container.		Not applicable	
	WASHABLE ITEMS Towels Capes	Launder after each use.			
LEVEL OF DISINFECTANT	NON-CRITICAL INTERMEDIATE	Kills most bacteria, fungi and viruses, but not bacterial spores. Tuberculocidal.	NON-CRITICAL LOW	Kills some bacteria, viruses and fungi. Can kill Salmonella, Staphylococcus and Pseudomonas.	

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