

UIP1 - Infection Prevention (COVID-19) for Hairdressing and Barbering Services

LO6 Understand decontamination and waste management processes relevant to hairdressing and barbering services

Decontamination of the hair salon/barbershop

Decontamination

The removal of pathogens and other substances from tools and surfaces

Contamination

 The process of making something impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance such as a microorganism



Decontamination of the hair salon/barbershop

The three stages of environmental decontamination:

- Cleaning/sanitising the physical removal of foreign material including dust, soil and organic material such as blood, excretions, secretions and microorganisms. It physically removes rather than kills microorganisms with water, detergent and mechanical action. Cleaning is always essential prior to disinfection or sterilisation (WHO)
- Disinfection is the inactivation or killing of most microorganisms on surfaces and items. It usually involves chemicals, heat or ultraviolet light (WHO)
- Sterilisation A validated process used to render an object free from viable microorganisms including viruses and bacterial spores (WHO)



Decontamination of the hair salon/barbershop

- Management of contamination
- Types of chemicals, equipment and processes to meet relevant national standards of the country therein
- Manufacturers' instructions/Safety Data Sheets
- Cleaning schedules
- Appropriate PPE for staff



Management of salon/barbershop linen

- Single-use
- Re-usable
- Handling
- Appropriate PPE
- Transport
- Processing

- Labelling
- Washing temperatures
- Drying
- Storage







Waste management procedures

- The importance of waste management
- Disposal of waste materials to meet legal requirements
- Waste management procedures
- Types of waste, for example, non-hazardous, hazardous, sharps
- Colour coding for waste in accordance with the regulations of the country therein
- Storage, removal and destruction of waste
- The risks associated with waste management





Waste management procedures

Disposal of contaminated/hazardous waste:

- In accordance with local and national regulations of the country therein
- Use of enclosed, foot pedal controlled waste bins
- Double-bag
- Colour-coding/labelling
- Professional removal/destruction

