

## SECTION .0400 – INFECTION CONTROL

### 21 NCAC 19 .0403 OFFICES

(a) Each electrolysis office, wherever located, shall:

- (1) have a treatment table or other piece of furniture for placing clients for treatment;
- (2) have at least one circuline type lamp, halogen lamp, or other type or magnifying lamp;
- (3) have hand washing facilities on the same floor and toilet facilities in the same building, both with a supply of either soap or a germicidal skin preparation for washing hands;
- (4) have a supply of labeled non-sterile examination gloves, cotton balls and antiseptic product for cleaning client's skin, materials for cleaning instruments and other items, materials for cleaning the workplace or documentation of cleaning contract, paper or cotton towels, and puncture-resistant containers and plastic bags for used materials;
- (5) have sterilization equipment and supplies needed for the sterilization methods used;
- (6) have a covered trash can and, if linens are used, a laundry bag or closed container for laundry, available to each workplace area;
- (7) have storage facilities to contain the equipment, instruments, and supplies of the electrolysis practice;
- (8) be inspected annually at each location where the licensee practices; and
- (9) be inspected prior to the commencement of practice if the office is relocated.

(b) In addition to the items required in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, each laser practitioner office shall have the following:

- (1) all doors leading to laser room shall have laser-specific safety signs displayed in accordance with American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z136.1 Z136.1, which is incorporated herein by reference, including subsequent amendments or additions, and may be obtained at a cost of two hundred and three dollars (\$203.00) from [www.lia.org](http://www.lia.org);
- (2) no uncovered mirrors or reflective surfaces;
- (3) laser safety eyewear that is labeled with the same wavelength and optical density as the laser device operated and that is worn while treatment is administered;
- (4) all windows protected from laser beam with either an opaque material or white blinds;
- (5) a fire extinguisher in the treatment room;
- (6) face masks to be worn while treatment is administered; and
- (7) an air filter.

(c) A laser, pulsed-light, or light-based hair removal practice shall be maintained in accordance with local zoning regulations.

(d) Laser, pulsed-light, and light-based devices shall be maintained and operated in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, which are incorporated herein by reference, including subsequent amendments or editions and may be accessed at no cost at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/laserhazards>.

(e) A copy of the current "Supervisory Agreement" shall be available in the office for inspection upon request.

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