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Protection from Infection

OHLA Launches New Public and Practitioner Safety and Health Education Campaign, “Safe Salons”

Salem, OR, July 24, 2007—Oregon has thankfully been spared the same kind of damaging bacterial skin infection outbreaks that have affected hundreds of nail salon customers in other states.

To keep it that way, the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) is launching a new public and practitioner safety and health education campaign, **Safe Salons**.

The goal is twofold: to raise consumer awareness of salon health and safety issues and to reinforce in Oregon’s more than 29,000 individual practitioners (in barbering, esthetics, hair design and nail technology) at nearly 5,000 salons statewide the necessity of following state safety and health requirements meant to protect both consumers and practitioners.

“From simple yet highly effective measures such as hand washing to the latest on pedicure foot bath safety, we want to keep Oregon a step ahead in preventive efforts to keep our salons—and consumers—safe,” says OHLA Director Susan K. Wilson.

More information and **Safe Salons** campaign resources can be accessed at www.oregon.gov/OHLA/COS/SafeSalons.shtml.

OHLA is a state consumer protection agency overseeing regulation of multiple health and related professions. The OHLA central agency holds overarching statutory authority to carry out a full range of regulatory activities: issuing more than 10,000 new licenses, conducting more than 8,000 examinations, inspecting more than 11,000 facilities, and responding to hundreds of consumer complaints annually.

OHLA’s boards and councils, including the [Board of Cosmetology](#), provide profession-specific expertise and consultation but are not responsible for OHLA central agency operations.

OHLA is funded solely through the issuance of more than 80,000 licenses, permits and registrations; it receives no state general funds. Please visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA for more information on the OHLA central agency and OHLA-regulated professions.

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