

New Rules at the Blow Dry Bar

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BEFORE YOU READ:

1. What is a Blow Dry Bar? What do you think the safety issues at a Blow Dry Bar might be?
2. Be on the lookout for these vocabulary words (in bold italics) as you read: ***inevitable, sanitize, imperative, dilute, prior, mandatory, transmission***. Can you tell the meaning from the context?
3. Also, as you read, be on the lookout for these adverbs (in bold italics and underlined): ***however, nevertheless, additionally, although***.

Back to Work during the Pandemic

Working as a receptionist at a hair salon during the pandemic has added extra steps to my daily job responsibilities. It means more work, but these procedures allow me to feel more comfortable working despite the risk.

I am a single mother of three, so going back to work was ***inevitable***. I need the income! And my employer gave a bonus to the workers who agreed to come back as soon as the shop reopened after quarantine.

New Responsibilities

We had a lot of new procedures for managing the shop during the pandemic. To reduce my risk of getting Covid, I not only wear a mask but also a face shield for additional protection. I keep my work area sanitized, and I ***sanitize*** my own hands after touching a new surface.

When clients come to the door, I check temperatures, ensure clients have a mask on, and give sanitizer to everyone before they come inside. Mostly, our clients are relieved that we do it. ***However***, occasionally, clients are visibly annoyed while I complete these ***imperative*** tasks, especially the ladies who come more frequently. ***Nevertheless***, I happily do these procedures to help ensure the safety of everyone.



We also do extra sanitizing after every client. From the door to the chairs to the counters, everything gets cleaned with a Barbicide sanitation solution. Barbicide is a well-known cleaning product in salons and barbershops. If you ***dilute*** it properly, it is totally safe for cleaning.

Additionally, at the end of every shift I now make lengthy confirmation calls to the clients scheduled for the following day. ***Prior*** to the pandemic, we made confirmation calls but now, in addition to confirming the appointment, we must give clients a Covid questionnaire. This checks that they have not been exposed to the virus prior to their appointments and are not experiencing any of the common symptoms. During this call, I also inform them of changes to

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At a blow dry bar, clients come in to get their hair washed and dried.

our blow dry bar’s new rules. For example, masks are *mandatory*, and you can’t consume food or drinks anymore.

Also, to cut down on virus *transmission*, we no longer accept cash. Fortunately, most returning clients remember the new procedures after the first or second visit, so I can shorten my script a little.

Although the pandemic has added to my daily workload, I complete each task with pleasure. I know I am contributing to everyone’s safety. I even feel many of these practices should be made permanent for the health benefit of all. It is more important now than ever to think about others as much as yourself. Only together can we stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

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AFTER YOU READ:

1. What does Raegan do to keep herself and her client safe at the blow dry bar?
2. Revisit the vocabulary in bold italics. Write down each word and a definition that you figure out from the context.

Use It Safely!

SAFETY DATA SHEET

Date: 14-Jun-2018

HMIS	
Health	2
Fire Hazard	0
Reactivity	0
Personal Protection	B

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: Barbicide® TB

Other means of identification: EPA Registration Number 34810-31-954

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use: Hard surface disinfectant cleaner. This product is intended to be diluted prior to use.

Uses advised against: Do not mix with other chemicals

Supplier Address: 7025 W Marcia Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53223

Emergency telephone number: 1-800-222-8180

24 Hour Emergency Phone Number: Chemtrec 800-420-9300

Emergency Telephone: Chemtrec 24-Hour U.S. Number: (800) 424-9300

Manufacturer Address: 325 Leffingwell Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Acute toxicity - Oral	Not orally toxic: Oral LD50 (rat) > 5 g/kg body weight
Acute toxicity - Dermal	Not dermally toxic: Dermal LD50 (rabbit) > 5 g/kg body weight
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A
Skin sensitization	Not classified

Label Elements:

Emergency Overview:

WARNING: Causes serious eye irritation. Causes skin irritation.

Appearance: Clear to light yellow liquid **Physical state:** Liquid **Odor:** Fresh Linen

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance	Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight-%
	Hexylene glycol	107-41-5	10-30
	Ortho-benzyl-para-chlorophenol	120-32-1	1 - 5
	O-phenylphenol	90-43-7	1 - 5
	Isopropyl alcohol	67-63-0	1 - 5

This Manufacturer Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is a 6-page document with details about how to use Barbicide safely. You can find the whole document here: <https://barbicide.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Barbicide-TB-SDS-05.01.20192.pdf>.

NOTE: This is a complex document with difficult words. Yet it is a common document on many job sites and an important one to understand. What strategies can you use to approach this hard document?

3. Revisit the words in bold underline. These adverbs act as transition words. They signal something about what you are about to read. What do they signal? Try creating your own sentences using these words.