## Board of Barber Examiners Occupational Regulations

The Board of Barber Examiners believes the occupational regulations governing the barber industry is vitally important due to the strict sanitation regulations within them. The primary function of the Board is to oversee the health and safety of the public with focus on sanitation practices in the barber shop. Sanitation is a major part of the curriculum taught in licensed barber schools, instilling the practice of proper sanitation throughout the educational experience.

Our agency is required by statute to inspect each licensed barber shop at least once every license period and barber schools are inspected at least four times per fiscal year. These inspections focus on all areas of sanitation practices. Disinfecting tools and equipment used by the barber as well as cleaning all aspects of the shop or school. A failing score issued by our agency during an inspection will result in action must be taken by the offender to correct any deficiencies found during the inspection. Barber shops and school must follow the safe and sanitary practices defined in the Rules and Regulations created by the Barber Board. Improper sanitation by a barber shop or school can lead to the spread of disease or harmful virus's from client to client or staff to client. Our office handles all complaints filed by the public, as risks to others and the complaints are dealt with in an investigational matter.

Regulations concerning minimum requirements for curriculum offered by barber schools are to give the barber student the proper skills when preforming acts of barbering on clients. Many of the tools used for barber services can cause harm to a client if they are not properly used. The same is true when educating a barber student on the uses of chemicals on a client.

In summary, the Board feels that the current regulations created by the Barber Board are enacted to protect the public and the barber. In 2018, The Nebraska Board of Barber Examiners did a major revision of the rules and regulations relating to barbering, to reduce any duplication of regulation or statute and to lessen the burden placed on licensees or potential licensees.