

# Safe Start Up: hairdresser FAQ



## I use washable hand towels in the customer loos – is this OK?

This is fine as long as you wash them each day. We'd recommend paper towels as they're more hygienic.

You could also look into using electric hand dryers – the latest technology is more powerful and energy-efficient which makes them eco-friendly and a more economical option. They will also mean you don't have to dispose of paper towels.

## I sell hair products to my customers – do I need safety data sheets for the products?

No, retailers don't need to give out data sheets when customers are buying products to use themselves.

Remember that if you buy a chemical from a retailer to use as part of your work, they need to give you a safety data sheet if you ask for one.

## I've heard there are new legal health and safety requirements for hair salons – is this right?

There have been some developments within Europe around new legislation for hairdressers, but there are no changes currently in the pipeline.

If the law changes, we'll update our guides to reflect them.



Find out more

- Find out more at [https://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/literature\\_reviews/occupational-health-and-safety-in-the-hairdressing-sector](https://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/literature_reviews/occupational-health-and-safety-in-the-hairdressing-sector)

## I understand the basics of national health and safety law relevant to my business. Are there any other laws around health and safety I need to know about?

You need to check with your local council about the byelaws for hairdressing and barbering.

Got another question?

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