



# *Glam it Up Right!*

**Our Healthy Nail Salons Protect  
You and the Environment**



## ***Can any Nail Salon Participate?***

Please ask your nail salon to contact us and commit to using safer products - almost all salons can participate. Unfortunately, because of the many different chemicals that are used in haircare, nail salons that also have hair salons are not eligible to be certified, even if they adopt these practices.

## ***Where can I Find a Recognized Healthy Nail Salon?***

Certified Healthy Nail Salons are issued an emblem (shown on the front of this brochure) to post on the outside entrance of the salon and a certificate to display inside the salon. You can also find certified Healthy Nail Salons at [www.healthynailsalons.com](http://www.healthynailsalons.com).

**Be Healthy.**



**County of Santa Clara  
Department of Environmental Health  
Consumer Protection Division**  
1555 Berger Drive, Suite 300  
San Jose, CA 95112-2716  
Main Line: (408) 918-3400  
Hot Line: (408) 918-1958  
Website: [www.SCCgov.org/healthynails](http://www.SCCgov.org/healthynails)



### ***What is the County of Santa Clara Healthy Nail Salon Program?***

The Healthy Nail Salon Program is a voluntary program recognizing nail salons that commit to using safer products and practices which protect the health of salon staff, customers, and the environment.

### ***What are Safer Practices?***

For protection from repeated exposure, technicians wear gloves when applying polishes, glues, and sealers. A designated area may be used for artificial nail application with a localized air filtration system. While the air filtration system may generate extra noise, it is important for protecting the lungs of workers who may be breathing the vapors every day.

### ***What are Safer Products?***

- Nail polishes and lacquers *without* toluene, dibutyl phthalate, and formaldehyde
- Nail polish thinners *without* toluene and methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)
- Nail polish removers *without* ethyl acetate and butyl acetate
- Artificial nails *without* methyl methacrylate

Products containing the above chemicals may lead to increased risk of cancer, allergies, and other respiratory, neurological, and reproductive health issues.

### ***How are Certified Salons Monitored?***

Nail Salons that participate in this program are visited every year by the Department of Environmental Health who provide refresher training and verify that the salon is not using the toxic materials listed above.

