

Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When did the ban on MMA go into effect?

A. The ban on MMA in salons is effective July 1, 2004.

Q. What is the ban on MMA?

A. Pursuant to Section 477.0265(1)2(h), Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person in the practice of cosmetology to use or possess a cosmetic product containing a liquid nail monomer containing any trace of methyl methacrylate (MMA).

Q. What is MMA?

A. It is an ingredient used in artificial nail products.

Q. Why is MMA banned?

A. The Florida legislature passed legislation this session and Governor Bush signed it into law. MMA has been banned in 38 other states and has been declared a "poisonous and deleterious substance" by the United States Food and Drug Administration. When MMA is used, it may cause serious nail damage or loss, soreness, and in some cases, infection. Long-term exposure can result in respiratory damage.

Q. What will happen if MMA is in the salon?

A. If MMA is being used or stored in a salon, this could prompt a case by an investigator. If this happens, legal charges may be brought against you/or the salon. **Using or possessing MMA is a 2nd degree misdemeanor punishable by \$500 fine and/or imprisonment not to exceed 60 days.**

Q. How do I report a salon that has MMA?

A. You can access a complaint form online at www.MyFloridaLicense.com or call 850.488.6603.