

Get The Wax Out – Infection Control Risk Assessment

Activity: Ear wax removal (manual & microsuction)

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1. Hazard / Risk: Transmission of infections (COVID-19, cold, flu)

Who Might Be Harmed: Practitioner, Client

Controls:

Do not attend work if experiencing symptoms
Reschedule if unwell
Wash hands before and after each appointment
Wear gloves (mask if needed)
Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces
Use PPE and cleaning routines as needed

Risk Level: Medium

Additional Actions: Check PPE and cleaning supplies regularly

2. Hazard / Risk: Cross-contamination via equipment

Who Might Be Harmed: Client

Controls:

Use single-use instruments only
Dispose after each use
Keep clean and used items separate

Risk Level: Medium

Additional Actions: Ensure sufficient stock of single-use instruments

3. Hazard / Risk: Environmental contamination (vehicle / treatment area)

Who Might Be Harmed: Practitioner, Client

Controls:

Disinfect setup before and after each appointment
Keep area uncluttered
Use disposable covers

Risk Level: Low

Additional Actions: Ensure cleaning supplies are stocked

4. Hazard / Risk: Exposure to bodily fluids (ear wax – low-risk biohazard)

Who Might Be Harmed: Practitioner

Controls:

Wear gloves
Dispose materials in clinical waste
Wash hands after procedure

Risk Level: Medium

Additional Actions: Follow standard disposal procedures

5. Hazard / Risk: Allergic reactions to cleaning/disinfecting agents

Who Might Be Harmed: Practitioner, Client

Controls:

Use safe, non-irritant products
Check for allergies

Risk Level: Low

Additional Actions: Maintain a list of preferred disinfectant wipes

6. Hazard / Risk: Client non-compliance with hygiene protocols

Who Might Be Harmed: Practitioner, Client

Controls:

Explain infection control rules at booking

Risk Level: Low

Additional Actions: Reinforce hygiene expectations verbally before treatment

7. Hazard / Risk: Waste disposal

Who Might Be Harmed: Practitioner

Controls:

Dispose of single-use items in clinical waste
Use sharps container if applicable

Risk Level: Low

Additional Actions: Ensure proper waste removal

Additional Notes / Summary

All treatments are performed by a solo practitioner
A verbal health screening is carried out before treatment
Clients are asked to reschedule if unwell
Practitioner does not attend work when unwell
PPE, hand hygiene, and cleaning procedures are followed strictly
Ear wax is treated as a low-risk bodily fluid / biohazard

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