

SKAGH2 (SQA Unit Code F7BB 04)

Blow dry hair



Overview

This unit is about carrying out basic blow drying techniques using tools and products following the instructions of the stylist.

This unit applies to both hairdressing and barbering salons.

The main outcomes of this unit are:

1. maintain effective and safe methods of working when drying hair
2. blow dry hair

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 **maintain effective and safe methods of working when blow drying hair by**
- P1.1. ensuring your client's clothing is effectively protected throughout the service
 - P1.2. positioning your client to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
 - P1.3. ensuring your own posture and position whilst working minimises fatigue and the risk of injury
 - P1.4. keeping your work area clean and tidy throughout the service
 - P1.5. using working methods that
 - minimise the risk of damage to **tools** and equipment
 - minimise the wastage of products
 - minimise the risk of cross-infection
 - make effective use of your working time
 - ensure the use of clean resources
 - minimise the risk of harm or injury to yourself and others
 - P1.6. ensuring your personal standards of health and hygiene
 - minimise the risk of cross- infection, infestation and offence to your clients and colleagues
 - P1.7. using **tools** and products that are safe and fit for the purpose
 - P1.8. completing the **blow drying** service within a commercially viable time
- P2 **blow dry hair by**
- P2.1. confirming blow drying instructions with your stylist prior to starting the service
 - P2.2. applying products, if required, following your stylist's instructions
 - P2.3. controlling your **tools** and equipment to minimise the risk of damage to the hair and client discomfort
 - P2.4. checking your client is comfortable during the drying process
 - P2.5. using your **tools** and equipment effectively to achieve the required result
 - P2.6. effectively controlling your client's **hair** during the **blow drying** process
 - P2.7. drying hair to meet your stylist's instructions

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Salon and legal requirements

- K1 your salon's requirements for client preparation
- K2 your salon's expected service times for basic blow drying services
- K3 your salon's requirements for the disposal of waste
- K4 your salon's image and expected standards of service

You need to know and understand:

How to work safely, effectively and hygienically when blow drying hair

- K5 the range of protective clothing that should be available for clients
- K6 how the position of your client and yourself can affect the desired outcome and reduce fatigue and the risk of injury
- K7 the safety considerations which must be taken into account when blow drying hair
- K8 why it is important to avoid cross-infection and infestation
- K9 why it is important to keep your work area clean and tidy
- K10 why it is important to clean, disinfect and sterilise tools
- K11 the difference between disinfection and sterilisation
- K12 methods of cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilisation used in salons
- K13 methods of working safely and hygienically and which minimise the risk of cross- infection and cross-infestation
- K14 the correct use and maintenance of blow drying tools
- K15 the importance of personal hygiene

You need to know and understand:

Communication

- K16 the importance of checking you have understood the instructions given by the stylist (eg by asking questions to clarify)
- K17 the importance of checking client comfort throughout the drying process

You need to know and understand:

Basic science

- K18 the basic structure of the hair
- K19 the effects of humidity on the hair
- K20 the effects of the drying process on the hair cuticle
- K21 how the incorrect application of heat can affect the hair and scalp

You need to know and understand:

Blow drying techniques

- K22 the range of flat and round brushes available for blow drying
- K23 the types and purposes of blow drying products
- K24 why and how to use flat and round brushes to create volume, movement and to straighten hair
- K25 methods of handling and controlling hair sections during the drying process
- K26 why the direction of the airflow is important to achieve the desired look and avoid damage to the hair cuticle

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Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

1. **Tools** are
 - 1.1. flat brushes
 - 1.2. round brushes

2. **Hair** is
 - 2.1. above shoulder length
 - 2.2. below shoulder length

3. **Blow drying** covers
 - 3.1. creating volume
 - 3.2. straightening
 - 3.3. creating movement

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