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## COMPLYING WITH COSHH REGULATIONS & CONTROLLING SUBSTANCES HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH IN NAIL SALONS & BARS.

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The prevention of over exposure to chemical fumes and nail dust should be a priority and a very important safety measure in all nail salons and nail bars.

Nail technicians, manicurists and customers, are exposed to a wide variety of potential allergens and over exposure or lack of suitable controls, including ventilation. This can cause potentially serious allergic reactions such as respiratory problems, occupational asthma, headaches and skin diseases, such as dermatitis and general infections.

Nail dust, especially very fine particles, become airborne very easily and can remain in the air for extended lengthy periods. The dust filings from artificial nails can cause wheezing, coughing, chest tightness and asthma. Asthma and skin allergies may also be caused by liquids and powders in acrylic systems for artificial nails.

The risk of breathing in these dangerous contaminants is present even when treatment or activities have ceased, and in all areas of the salon. Exposure is therefore not just applicable to technicians, but all staff and customers.

The use of drills at higher speeds than recommended, further increases risk by projecting nail dust into faces and directly into the air to be breathed in.

Face or Dust masks can often be of the wrong type, preventing only the larger particles from being breathed in.

**Caution: Dust masks are not acceptable as a control. - Health and Safety Executive statement for COSHH essentials SR13 - Nail Bars.**

It is important to understand that the chemicals used in the beauty, hairdressing and nail industry are classed as hazardous substances, which are created as part of your work processes e.g. nail dust and are subject to the COSHH regulations.

Acrylic fumes can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea and irritation to the eyes, to the upper and lower tracts of the respiratory system and lungs.

Chemicals used may produce strong malodours, and create unpleasant atmospheres for both staff and customers.

# Nail Salons/Bars Compliance



If you are an employer, the law requires you to control the use of chemicals at work. You are at risk of legal claims from customers and employees if you are not compliant.

At GVS, we manufacture a special grade activated carbon filter, suitable for the chemicals used in the salon to effectively deal with the fumes and odours - known as VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds), released during treatments and activities. These filters are fitted into our [GVS Nailstation](#) tables and provide the perfect solution to dealing with these fumes and odours.

Dust particles are cleared very quickly by the table, which provides a complete and total air filtration system. The highly efficient design gives 'focused' air treatment - and therefore is effective in minimising the effects of contaminated air using 'Source Control'.

The [GVS Nailstation](#) can be used close to the treatment and the lower speed settings still allow conversation with clients whilst protecting them from the dangers of breathing in dangerous substances.

Extraction by way of wall mounted units may be unacceptable because the fumes and odours are 'exported' to other adjacent buildings or rooms. Extraction is also potentially an expensive option, in terms of heat or cooling loss and may also create more noise if used at higher rates to be effective.

The use of GVS equipment is so very easy & will greatly improve the air quality in your nail salons & bars.

Providing a clean and safe working environment for the benefit of staff and customers is essential, and will also improve your business by increasing customer relations and loyalty.

[GVS Nailstation](#) tables are in use by many nail salons, nail bars as well as educational establishments such as colleges and training centres worldwide and deal with the hazards to health created by fine dusts and chemical fumes.

Once installed it is also very important to have your [GVS Nailstation](#) serviced regularly by an authorised GVS engineer and to change both the pre filter and main carbon filter. This will ensure that each table will provide ongoing protection against airborne agents and fumes. Once your service has been completed you will be issued with the correct certificate which states the date of service and will illustrate your ongoing compliance.

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