



Massage Clinic Self-Inspection Checklist

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) is responsible for ensuring that massage clinics operating within contracted cities and the unincorporated areas of the County are properly maintained. Specifically, DEHS looks for issues that pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of County residents and guests. To achieve these objectives, DEHS conducts annual inspections of these properties. The following guide is meant to assist operators in meeting the goals of this program. For more information on codes, follow this link: [Massage Ordinances](#) and browse 41.908-15

A. Operations

1. Post a valid DEHS massage clinic permit and all massage technician certifications.
2. Operate only from 7 am to 10 pm (check your city for operating restrictions).
3. No food or beverage sales to customers are allowed.
4. Post a sign declaring the business as a massage clinic (comply with any local signage restrictions).
5. All technicians must wear approved garments (see County Code section 41.1908 (b11)).
6. All patrons shall be properly draped in accordance with California Massage Therapy Council standards.

B. Sanitation

1. Properly disinfect any instruments used for massage services.
2. Verify hot and cold running water under pressure.
3. All linens and towels shall be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
4. All areas of the facility shall be clean and free from vermin.
5. All massage tables or chairs shall be clean.

C. Structural Concerns

1. Clean linens and towels shall be stored in closed cabinets.
2. Soiled laundry shall be stored separate from massage areas in clean containers.
3. Dressing and toilet facilities shall be provided for patrons.
4. Lighting that complies with the uniform building code shall be provided. A minimum of one 60 watt white light source shall be used in all massage rooms while services are rendered.

D. Other

1. Comply with any other relevant regulations (check with the local jurisdiction).
2. No sign or advertisement may contain any explicit language or depictions of a sexual nature, nor shall any violate the requirements of the California Massage Therapy Act.