



# Massage Clinic Self-Inspection Checklist

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Services (EHS), is responsible for ensuring that massage clinics operating within contracted cities, and the unincorporated areas of the county are properly maintained. Specifically, EHS looks for issues that pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of county residents and guests. To achieve these objectives, EHS 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 Clinics Ordinance](#) and browse Chapter 19 of County Code.

## A. Operations

1. Post a valid EHS massage clinic permit and all massage technician certifications in a clearly visible location for customers.
2. Operate only from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (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 (b)(11)).
6. All customers must be covered with sheets or towels, following California Massage Therapy Council standards.

## B. Sanitation

1. Properly disinfect any instruments used for massage services.
2. Hot and cold running water shall be provided.
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 and/or chairs shall be clean and made of waterproof material.

## C. Structural Concerns

1. Clean linens and towels shall be stored in closed cabinets.
2. Soiled laundry shall be stored separately 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 unobstructed 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.

