

Glove Trial Fact Sheet for Local Authority Inspectors

Wearing Disposable Gloves for Hairdressing

Glove trial supported by:

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Why did we do a glove trial?

Hairdressers understand about the causes of dermatitis in their work but many say that finding suitable disposable gloves to protect their hands can be a problem because:

- You can't feel the client's scalp
- You can't feel the temperature of the water
- They break easily
- They snag on the client's hair
- They make skin sweat / itch
- They are difficult to remove

We carried out a glove trial to find out if there are types of disposable gloves that can tackle some of these problems.

How was the glove trial done?

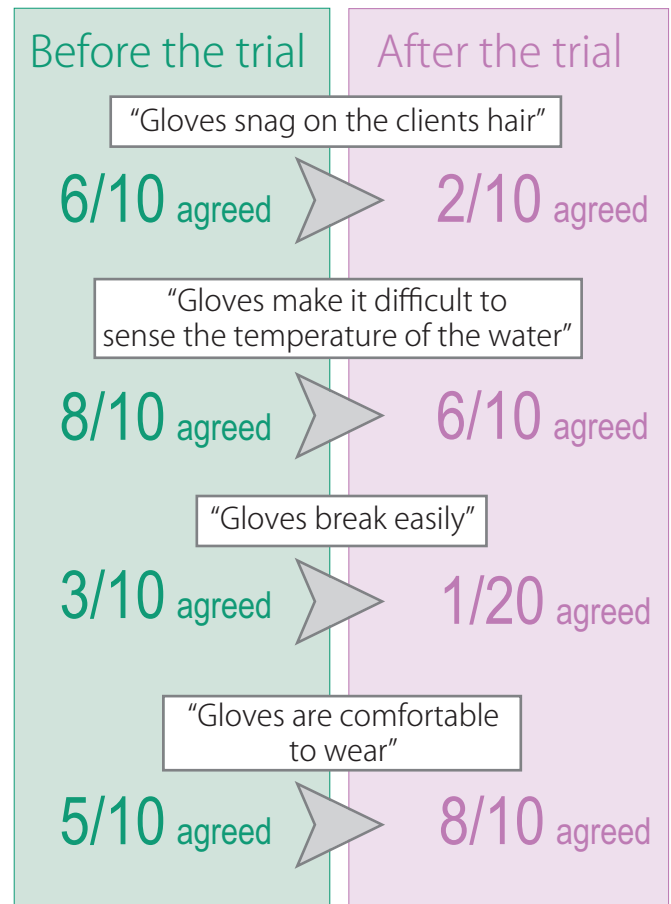
We asked 63 hairdressing staff (at 15 salons) to test disposable nitrile and vinyl gloves and to tell us what they thought about them.

What were hairdressers asked to do in the trial?

Hairdressers reported what they thought of using disposable gloves before and after trying them for various work tasks such as washing, colouring and perming.

Hairdressers liked using disposable gloves once they had tried nitrile and vinyl gloves that fitted well

These are some examples of how opinions improved after hairdressers had tried vinyl and nitrile gloves:



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