



HAIRDRESSERS' ROLES IN MANAGING HEAD LICE

The Hairdresser's responsibility:

Hairdressers are regulated by the *Hairdressing Establishment Regulations 1972*. These Regulations are administered and maintained by the Department of Health through Local Government Environmental Health Officers. The Regulations state that a hairdresser cannot serve a customer if the hairdresser's **own** hair is infested with head lice or eggs. However, the Regulations contain no reference to customers who have head lice or eggs. Further information can be obtained from the Hairdressers Regulation Board on (08) 9328 5899 or from the Environmental Health Branch of the Department on (08) 9388 4999.

Note: the *Hairdressing Establishment Regulations* are currently under review – February 2003.

Hairdressers can provide copies of the [Head Lice Fact Sheet](#) for staff and clients. Free copies of the Fact Sheet can be [downloaded](#), or ordered by ringing 1300 135 030 or through the [Internet](#).