

Acrylic False Nails

Nail salons in the UK are using a potentially harmful compound to make acrylic false nails. Some salons are using a substance called MMA (Methyl Methacrylate) which can cause nail disfigurement and infections. The substance is a cheap and nasty alternative to EMA (Ethyl Methacrylate) which is used by reputable salons.

MMA is one of the liquids which can be mixed with acrylic powder to make the false nails. The substance has been outlawed in most states in America but is, amazingly, still legal in the UK. MMA doesn't bond well to the natural nail, so the nails are filed down first with a drill to provide a rough surface onto which the product can stick. This can cause permanent damage to the nail plate. Symptoms include soreness, nail disfigurement and infections which if left, may rot the nail plate.

Jacqui Jeffords of the Association of Nail Technicians says "There's no need ever to use a product like MMA. MMA should be outlawed and it's about time the government and the local councils did something about it."

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