



LEYTON *LH* HOUSE
PROFESSIONAL

COLOUR SAFETY
GUIDELINES

HAIR COLOURING

Colour Safety Guide for Hairdressers

INTRODUCTION

COLOUR SAFETY

Leyton House produces products that are developed and formulated to the highest standards of safety and performance.

When consulting with your client take the opportunity to present your expert knowledge as a professional hairdresser to introduce your clients to various colour products and explain the relevant safety issues.

In your consultation use the Q&A Sheet, this will help you to decide whether you can proceed with the colouration and also whether you will need to carry out an Allergy Test. Reactions, such as an allergy, cannot be ruled out in individual cases, however, a true allergic reaction is extremely rare. Allergies arise as a reaction to natural or synthetic substances found in a person's environment or food, e.g. an individual could develop an allergy after repeated contact with cosmetic ingredients.

We recommend that you keep a client record sheet (page 7) for future reference and print out the steps instructions (page 6) on the back of the client sheet.

OUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE

The following 3-STEP consultation with your client should accompany the application of Leyton House Professional Couture Silk colour products.

STEP 1: PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION

Your preliminary CONSULTATION is a short questionnaire which will enable you to determine whether:

- You can use colour on your clients' hair
- You need to carry out an Allergy Test

The consultation is your opportunity to show your expertise and talk through different colour products available in your salon and what the result will be. It is important the client responds honestly during the consultation as it is their safety at risk and they should take full responsibility if they choose not to do so.

STEP 2: HOW TO CARRY OUT AN ALLERGY ALERT TEST

As a result of Step 1 you may have to carry out an Allergy Test. Step 2 gives advice on how to carry out an Allergy Test.

STEP 3: HOW TO CARRY OUT A COLOUR APPLICATION

In Step 3, you will find safety information on how to use hair colourants.

IMPORTANT

CONSULTATION and ALLERGY TEST IS AN IMPORTANT PRECAUTION BUT A REACTION MAY STILL OCCUR. There is not a 100% guarantee!

Check with your insurance company as to your business cover



**Couture Silk
Permanent
Hair Colour**

Over 100 shades with low ammonia content, provides superior long lasting. 100% grey coverage



**Couture Silk
Liqueur and
Velvets
Permanent
Colour**

This range of 9 permanent hair colours contains triple tone, which is suitable for low lighting, colouring back or darkening in one step



**Couture Silk Demi
Permanent
Ammonia Free
Hair Colour**

Over 16 Ammonia free, gentle tone on tone colours



**Couture
Silk Rouge**

This range of 5 vibrant red and copper hair colours negates the need for high developer



**Couture
Silk
Illuminates**

Available in 5 stunning additive colours



**Couture Silk
Permanent
Toners**

5 shades specifically designed to eliminate unwanted warmth



**Couture Silk
Alpine Blonde
12 Series**

Available in 7 colours it is enhanced with our unique Silk Renewal Complex. Ability to lift up to 5 levels



**Couture Silk
Twilights
.117 Series
Permanent
Hair Colour**

Available in 5 colours with low ammonia these colours are designed to create sublime cool hair tones



**Colour
Spangles**

Ammonia free, 7 vibrant semi permanent colours

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. When do I need to perform the Allergy Test (AT)?

A. You MUST perform the AT if the client is new to your salon, changing their colour service/shade or if the client has reported any adverse reactions. Otherwise, for regular returning clients who have the same colour service and shade you only need to perform the AT every 12 months. Please follow the Safety Evaluation on page 6.

Q. What colour/shade should I use to perform the Allergy Test (AT)?

A. ALWAYS use the product/shade that you intend to use on your client following the instructions on page 6. If your client changes their mind about the shade they would like you must perform another AT with that shade.

Q. Why do I have to perform the Allergy Test (AT) 48 hours prior to my client's appointment?

A. A reaction can take up to 48 hours to develop, therefore, by performing the test 48 hours prior to the appointment, this should allow sufficient time for any reaction to be identified.

Q. Do I need to cleanse the skin test area with surgical spirit etc before I perform the test?

A. No, we do not recommend this.

Q. Once I have applied the test do I need to cover the area with a plaster etc?

A. No, we do not recommend this. The test area behind the ear should be left uncovered for 45 minutes; then gently remove the colour with lukewarm water.

Q. Can I carry on colouring my client's hair if she is pregnant or breast feeding?

A. Scientifically, there is no reason why you shouldn't be able to colour your client's hair during pregnancy. The safety of hair colourant use during pregnancy is taken into account at the product development stage. However, you must remember that during pregnancy and breast feeding the body may react more sensitively to external influences. In this instance, we would strongly advise that the Allergy Test (AT) be performed before each time you colour the client's hair. Please ask your client to seek medical advice if they have any concerns.

Q. What difference does it make if my client has had a temporary tattoo in the past?

A. If your client has suffered a reaction to a temporary 'black henna' tattoo in the past then you should not colour their hair. If the client has had a temporary tattoo and they did not experience a reaction at the time, they may have been sensitised by the ingredients used, so always perform an Allergy Test (AT) in these cases.

Q. What should I do if my client reacts to the Allergy Test (AT)?

A. DO NOT APPLY ANY COLOUR, advise your client to seek medical advice before you perform any further colour service.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What should I do if my client informs me they have previously reacted to an Allergy Test (AT)?

A. DO NOT APPLY ANY COLOUR, this includes any colourant from another manufacturer, refer your client to their doctor.

Q. What should I do if my client reacts during the Allergy Test (AT) or 48 hours after performing the AT?

A. If the AT is still present behind the ear you must remove it IMMEDIATELY and ask your client to seek medical advice. If the reaction occurs during the 48 hours after the Allergy Test (AT) DO NOT COLOUR YOUR CLIENT'S HAIR and ask them to seek THE ADVICE OF A DOCTOR OR DERMATOLOGIST.

Q. What should I do if my client experiences discomfort during the colouring process?

A. If the client complains of stinging or burning or develops a rash during the colouring process, RINSE THEIR HAIR IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE THEM SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE. If the client has a rapidly spreading skin rash, dizziness or faintness, shortness of breath and/or swelling of the eyes or face during the colouring process, RINSE THE HAIR STRAIGHT AWAY AND SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ADVICE. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COLOUR THE CLIENT'S HAIR AGAIN

Q. Should I keep a record of every Allergy Test (AT)?

A. Yes, you should keep this information on your client record card (subject to local laws for the privacy protection of personal computer records). You need to keep records to show your duty of care to the client.

Q. What information should I include on my client record card?

A. We would recommend the following:

- That the Professional Safety Evaluation has been performed
- Date of the Allergy Test
- Date of the Allergy Test result and Result of the Allergy Test
- Record the condition of the scalp before colouring and whether the client experienced any symptoms such as itching during the colour process.
- What colour service was performed i.e. full head application, off-scalp foils etc
- Which products were used, including type of colour, developer strength, mixing ratio, development time etc

Q. What do I do if I am unsure of the result after performing the Allergy Test (AT)?

A. If you are in doubt, DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE COLOURING PROCESS

STEP 1: PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION, WARNINGS, SAFETY EVALUATION

1. Is your client under 16 years of age?	NO ▼	YES	▶	STOP
2. Has your client had any allergic reactions to hair colourant or facial cosmetic product/s?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
3. Has your client had an allergic reaction to any type of skin tattoo including henna or permanent make up?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
4. Does your client have a rash on their face or sensitive, irritated and damaged scalp?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
5. Is this a new colour client to your salon or are you using a different colourant brand or shade?	NO ▼	YES	▶	Carry out a Skin Allergy Test (see step 2)
6. Has it been more than 6 months since your client* last had a colour in your salon?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
7. Is it more than 12 months since your client's* last skin allergy test?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
8. Has your client* had any type of skin tattoo including henna or permanent make up since their last colouration?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
9. Has your client* had an ALLERGIC REACTION since their last colouration?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
10. Has your client changed any medication or had a vaccination since their last visit?	NO ▼	YES	▶	
You can make an immediate application of colour to your client's hair (see step 3)				ATTENTION: A reaction may still occur

* Client followed with record card (for the content of the client record card see the 'QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS' pages)

STEP 2: HOW TO CARRY OUT AN ALLERGY TEST (48 hours prior application)

1. Mix chosen Couture Silk Colour + chosen LH Developer (1:1.5/1:2)
2. Apply the colour to dry skin test area behind the ear
3. Leave the colour uncovered for 45 minutes
4. Rinse and pat dry
5. Review the skin in 48 hours and take note of any reaction during this period
6. If an adverse reaction occurs during this time cease use and seek immediate medical advice

If after 48 hours the Allergy Test remains negative, you can proceed to apply the colour (see step 3)

STEP 3: HOW TO CARRY OUT A COLOUR APPLICATION

1. Read instructions and colour safety guidelines before use
2. Wear suitable disposable gloves during the preparation, application and rinsing of the product
3. Rinse hair well after development time

Use only with Leyton House Professional colourants.
Use only the proportions/ratios indicated.

WARNINGS

- For professional use only
- Colour products are not intended for use on persons under 16 years of age
- Do not use to dye eyelashes, eyebrows, beard or moustache or for any purpose other than colouring hair
- Do not use if the hair has been coloured with henna or with a progressive colour
- Keep out of reach of children
- Avoid contact with eyes. Rinse eyes immediately if product comes into contact with them. If wearing contact lenses, remove them before rinsing the eyes
- In case of a reaction during the application, such as intense stinging, a rash or a burning sensation on the scalp, rinse immediately with lukewarm water. In case of shortness of breath seek immediate medical attention. Before colouring hair again, recommend that your client consult a doctor
- Do not exceed processing time



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