



## Shaving procedure

### **Razor Blade Use**

1. Wash hands for at least 15 seconds.
2. Place a clean single use razor blade in a cleaned and disinfected straight razor handle.
3. Dispose of the razor blade in a puncture resistant container after EVERY client. Use caution when removing the blade to prevent injury.
4. Clean handle for straight edge razor immediately after use OR keep dirty handles in a container with soap and water labelled "Instruments for Cleaning".

### **Steps to Clean Straight Edge Razor Handle**

1. Put on thick rubber gloves.
2. Clean handle for the straight edge razor using warm water, soap and a brush. To prevent splashing, scrub beneath the surface of the water.
3. Let handle for the straight edge razor air dry.
4. Soak the cleaned razor handle in an intermediate or high level disinfectant for the recommended contact time (see Disinfection Chart). A shallow plastic container with tight fitting lid may be used.
5. Gloves and brushes used during the cleaning process must also be disinfected. A low level disinfectant is acceptable for this use.
6. Remove handle from disinfectant and rinse under warm running water.
7. Let handle for the straight edge razor air dry.
8. Wash hands for at least 15 seconds.

### **NOTE**

Disinfectants lose strength over time. Prepare a fresh disinfectant solution daily or more often if solution becomes dirty or diluted. (Refer to manufacturer's instructions). Gloves should always be worn when handling chemicals and disinfectants. When cleaning and disinfecting instruments, thick rubber gloves and eye protection should be worn. Care must be taken at all times to prevent any penetration of the skin or splashing of mucous membranes during the cleaning process.