

Tanning Bed Inspections

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All tanning beds that are for public use have to be inspected by a state inspector. We have a contract with the State to do the tanning bed inspections in a 6 county area (Adair, Adams, Audubon, Cass, Guthrie, and Union). All owner/managers of tanning establishments have to pass a test before being issued a license from the state. We administer the 75 question open book test either in our office for \$15.00 or at their establishment for \$35.00. The fee for the annual inspections is \$33.00 per tanning bed. The state also charges a \$5.00 yearly licensing fee.

The inspections consist of following a check-off list of possible health violations within each establishment. Some of the violations we look for are: sharing of goggles, tanning bed usage not over recommended times, updated & signed IDPH warning sheet, clean beds and beds in good shape, current license posted, UV warning signs posted, employee tests given to all employees and bed timers ran by the operators. If any violations are found the operator/manager is written a letter describing each violation of the state code that is found and they have 30 days to fix the violations and send us a letter stating such.

Our office is in the Guthrie County Courthouse on the 1st floor. Our hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

The state website where information on all tanning regulations and rules is:

www.idph.state.ia.us