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DLCA Bans Use of Razor-Edged Tools by Beauticians and Manicurists After Reports of Injury

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The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) Division of Boards and Commissions on Monday notified licensees and the public that the Virgin Islands Board of Barbers, Beauticians and Manicurists (BBM) prohibits the use of razor-edged tools used for callus removal, due to recent complaints by consumers who were injured by cuts on their feet from the use of a “foot razor”.

It is the responsibility of the VI BBM to oversee and enforce the laws governing the cosmetology industry to ensure the health and safety of the consumer, according to DLCA. Although the complaints received are currently under investigation, it is the board's determination to cease the use of these illegal tools in the territory, the release

stated. Therefore, effective immediately, the BMM prohibits the use of illegal tools when performing pedicures in nail salons, beauty shops and spas within the U.S. Virgin Islands.

When an illegal tool is used to remove calluses, it can cut the skin. Used improperly, these tools can cause injuries that require medical attention. These tools include:

- Razor callus shavers
- Credo blades,
- Metal scrapers
- Graters

“No razor-edged tools can be used to remove calluses or be performed by a nail technician. Callus removal should be performed by a qualified medical professional,” said the BBM. Violators who do not adhere to the BBM mandate shall be subject to fines and suspension of their license, according to the release.

For additional information contact the Division of Boards and Commissions at (340)713-3522 in the District of St. Croix and (340)714-3522 in the St. Thomas/St. John District.