



# Cosmetics – Theatrical Makeup

**The theatrical makeup practices can pose hazards for performers and makeup artists if not safely selected, applied, removed, and stored.**



## Selection

1. Use only commercially manufactured cosmetic products for skin application.
2. Select manual pump rather than pressurized gas when selecting aerosol dispensed products.

## General Guidelines for Keeping Makeup Clean

1. Purchase and use a personal makeup kit if possible.
2. Wash your hands prior to handling the makeup.
3. Wash your face prior to applying the makeup.
4. Do not smoke, eat, or drink while handling or applying the makeup.
5. Replace makeup regularly.
6. Dispose of old makeup to prevent its further use.
7. Keep makeup containers sealed when not in use.
8. Use clean brushes to apply makeup.
9. Do not share makeup tools with others unless cleaned and sanitized between users.
10. Use tap or distilled water to moisten palettes, brushes, or pencils; never use saliva.

## Guidelines for Shared Makeup

1. Dispense makeup, whether cream or powder, from larger containers into smaller containers and label the smaller container to identify the performer using that container.
2. Use a palette knife or wooden craft stick to transfer cream makeup from its original jar into labeled individual containers.
3. Slice cream-stick makeup and lipstick using a clean palette knife and place the sliced portion in an individual labeled container, or on a labeled paper disk.
4. Never place a makeup application device back into a shared makeup container after the applicator has been used; i.e., do not place a mascara brush back in the mascara tube after the applicator has come into contact with someone's lashes.
5. Use disposable makeup applicators, such as brushes and sponges.
6. Ensure makeup artists wash their hands between performers.
7. Clean and sanitize makeup pencil sharpeners between users.
8. Clean and sanitize re-usable makeup brushes and sponges between uses/performers.
9. Use clean containers of clear water for each performer's makeup application.