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***Martin County Health Department***  
**FACT SHEET FOR OPENING A NEW FACILITY**  
**Tanning**

Tanning in the State of Florida is governed by 64E-17, Florida Administrative Code\* and Florida Statutes Title XXIX, Chapter 381.89\*\*

1. In order to operate a tanning business, you must obtain a tanning establishment permit from the Department of Health.
2. To initiate the permitting process, you will **submit plans** together with a tanning plan review application and appropriate fees. (insert link for application) You will need two copies of your floor plans, drawn to scale, with all rooms and equipment labeled. If the facility is serviced by a private septic system rather than public sewer, you will need an appointment with the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system staff **BEFORE** you can submit plans. It is recommended that you make an appointment to submit your plans so that they can be reviewed immediately.
3. A construction inspection will often be conducted. At the inspector's discretion, this may be done at the time of the opening inspection.
4. If the plans are approved, you may **submit a completed application** for a tanning permit to the Martin County Health Department together with the required permit fee. The application is available: <http://www.myfloridaeh.com/community/tanning/pdfs/DH4098-TanningFacilitiesApplication.pdf> A typed operating plan must also be included with the application.
5. Within two weeks of submission, you will be contacted to schedule an **opening inspection**. Prior to this inspection, you must present proof that the owner(s) has/have completed the required tanning training.

**NOTE: Please be aware that tanning equipment which is approved in another state may not be approved in Florida due to the stringent requirements of 64E-17.**

Additional information regarding the tanning facility permit and the requirements associated with it, including information on approved courses, can be found at the Florida Department of Health website: <http://www.myfloridaeh.com/community/tanning/index.html>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

Martin County Health Department  
(772) 221-4090

\* Available at <http://www.myfloridaeh.com/community/tanning/pdfs/64e-17.pdf>

\*\*Available at

[http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=Ch0381/SEC89.HTM&Title=->2003->Ch0381->Section%2089#0381.89](http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0381/SEC89.HTM&Title=->2003->Ch0381->Section%2089#0381.89)