**Level 2 Diploma in Women and Men’s hairdressing**

You are required to research the following and present this assignment typed with a front cover, contents page and bibliography. It is important that you produce this task to the best of your ability as it is used to initially assess your starting point for the year ahead.

This must be printed and handed in a plastic wallet with your name on it.

**Task 1 - Safe working practices**

* State the definition of a hazard and a risk
* Give 5 examples of hazards and risks which exist in the salon
* Describe the importance of risk assessments.
* Compare sterilisation and disinfection and give examples of both.
* State the importance of correct posture and working techniques to minimise fatigue and the risk of injury.
* Outline the signs of contact dermatitis and how to avoid this.

**Task 2 - Legislations**

**Research the following legislations and describe how they would be adhered to in the salon:**

* Health and Safety at Work Act
* RIDDOR
* PPE
* Electricity at work regulations
* COSHH (What does SHUD stand for and mean?)
* The manual handling operations regulations
* Data Protection Act