



How Nail Extensions Affect Your Nail Health

Compact guide: risks & benefits, safe wear time, hygiene, removal, aftercare

What Extensions Do (in short)

Extensions (gel/acrylic/polygel) add length/structure but raise load and cut flexibility. Risks grow with over-filing, thick product, poor prep, or long wear without breaks.

Pros & Cons

- Pros: instant length, shape control, chip resistance, break habit-picking.
- Cons: thinning from over-filing, moisture traps, lifting → infection risk, cure heat spikes, possible allergies.

Safe Wear & Fills

- 2-3 weeks between fills; avoid long leverage.
- Breaks every 2-3 cycles to assess plate.
- Moderate thickness/length = fewer breaks.

Salon Hygiene Checklist

- ☐ Sterile tools or new disposables; clean station, hand sanitising.
- ☐ Gentle cuticle work; no e-file on living tissue.
- ☐ Edges sealed; no visible lifting; dust/fume control.



Removal: Do & Don't

- Soak-off or pro e-file only; never pry/peel.
- If heat during cure — pause, thin the layer, adjust lamp.

Aftercare Essentials

- Cuticle oil daily; hydrate nail folds.
- Mild hand wash; moisturise after water/chemicals.
- Gloves for cleaning/dishes; avoid long soaking.
- File snags asap; keep free edge tidy.
- Inflammation/pain? Remove and consult a pro.

FAQ

Do extensions always thin nails?

No — damage usually comes from aggressive prep/removal.

Gel vs acrylic — which is safer?

Depends on technique and removal, not the system itself.

How to take a break gracefully?

Try short natural nails or clear strengthening gel for 2-4 weeks.

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