

WAC 246-830-550 Standards of practice—Limitations. (1) It is not consistent with the standard of practice for a massage therapist to touch the following body parts on a client or patient except where specifically noted:

(a) The gluteal cleft (space distal to the coccyx to the anus) and perineum unless in accordance with WAC 246-830-557. For the purpose of this section and WAC 246-830-557, the perineum is defined as the tissues between the anus and scrotum or vulva;

(b) Anus or inside the rectum;

(c) Inside the urethra;

(d) Penis and scrotum;

(e) Vulva to include labia (major and minor), clitoris, bulb of vestibule, vulval vestibule, urinary meatus and the vaginal opening;

(f) Inside the vagina;

(g) Breasts, unless in accordance with WAC 246-830-555; or

(h) Inside the mouth unless an intraoral endorsement has been issued in accordance with WAC 246-830-490.

(2) A massage therapist shall not engage in sexual misconduct as described in WAC 246-16-100. Sexual misconduct will constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085 (1)(a), 18.108.025 (1)(a), chapter 18.108 RCW and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-02-012, § 246-830-550, filed 12/24/20, effective 9/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025 (1)(a), 18.108.085 (1)(a), 43.70.041 and chapter 18.108 RCW. WSR 17-14-062, § 246-830-550, filed 6/29/17, effective 7/30/17.]