

Keep Your Tanning Rooms Cool

The room temperature in a tanning salon should never get above 80 degrees when the beds are running. Aside from the comfort of your customers, overheating can cause your beds to malfunction and often in ways you might not expect.

For example: A few months ago, I was helping a customer troubleshoot a bed where the gas shocks were trying to open by themselves. It turned out to be the high room temperature causing the gas inside the shocks to warm up and start expanding.

Overheating can also affect the face tanner lamps. The face tanners are equipped with a thermostat on the side that is designed to kick the lamp off if it gets too hot. It's a safety feature, but the mechanism can be tripped if the room temperature is too high.

Of course, there's also the worst case scenario of tripped breakers, increased amp draw and potential electrical problems brought on by overheating and malfunctioning.

All of these problems can be avoided by ensuring proper air flow and making sure you have a good cooling system in place.

Good Air Circulation

Your best defense against overheating is to make sure you have good airflow through each of your tanning rooms. You want the cold AC air to flow in, but you also want the hot air to be able to flow out.

For example: One customer was spending thousands on his AC and still running into problems. It turns out he had his beds positioned right underneath the cold air vents. The cold air was actually pushing the hot air back down towards the bed, causing it to overheat.

Plan Ahead

Ideally, you should plan for good air circulation in the design process of a new salon. However, if you're working with an already established salon, investing a little bit of capital into your cooling and ventilation systems could save you a lot of money in down time and maintenance in the long run.