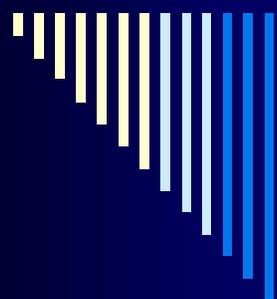
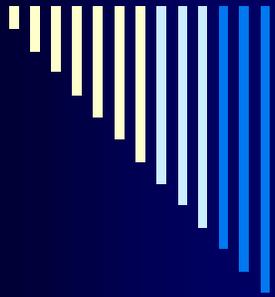


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American Massage Therapy Association: www.amtactchapter.org

- Only Non-profit Professional Organization for Massage Therapy
- Represents over 2300 Licensed Massage Therapists in Connecticut
- Serves over 58,000 Massage Therapists Nationwide
- Connecticut Chapter has been in operation since 1981



The Headlines Read:

Police fail in bid to close massage parlors. (Stamford, CT)

Prostitution alleged at Fairfield spa.

Police raid massage business in Ansonia.

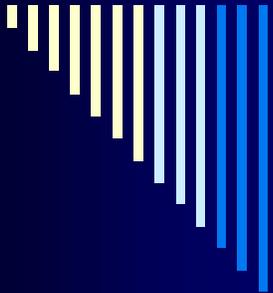
Alleged Sex Ring Raided At Massage Parlor (Meriden)

Police Raid Spas On Prostitution Charges (Wallingford)

City Brings Suit Against Illegal Massage Parlor

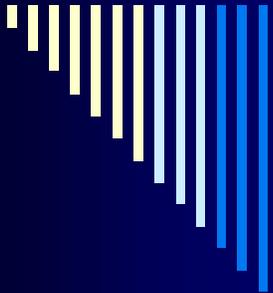
Parlors Closed After Investigation Discovers Prostitution (Waterbury)

Police Raid Reveals Human Trafficking (Cheshire)



Definition of Massage

- “Massage therapy” means the systematic and scientific manipulation and treatment of the soft tissues of the body, by use of pressure, friction, stroking, percussion, kneading, vibration by manual or mechanical means, range of motion and nonspecific stretching.”
 - Source: CT General Statutes, “Massage Therapists,” Chapter 384a, Sec. 20-206a, Definitions.
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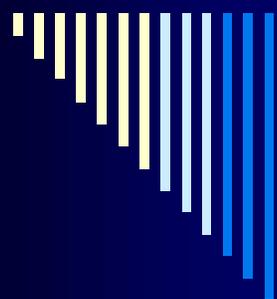


Salons and Spas can:

- ❑ Provide a front for illegal activity.
- ❑ Sheltering human trafficking operations.
- ❑ Offer massage services provided by unlicensed personnel.

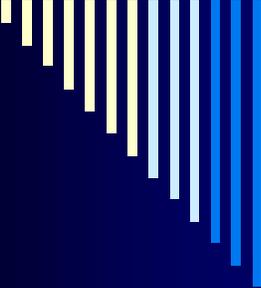
What does this lead to?

- ❑ Promotion of other illegal activity.
- ❑ Puts clients at risk for injury and/or assault.
- ❑ Puts legitimate Licensed Massage Therapists at risk.



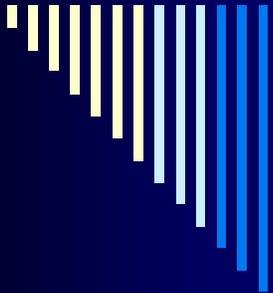
We are working with DPH:

- ❑ To help stop the use of our Profession as a front for illegal activity.
- ❑ To give you additional tools to help identify establishments that are breaking the law.
- ❑ To raise awareness of current and pending laws to help with local enforcement.



CT Massage Laws

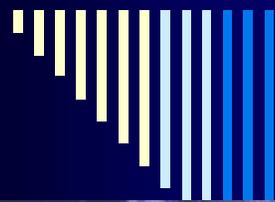
- CT General Statutes Chapter 384
 - 500 hours of study from Accredited school.
 - Successfully complete National Certification Exam.
 - Public Act 07-35
 - Must have a CT Massage License to advertise using the term Massage.
 - HB 5883: An Act Concerning Unlicensed Massage; Effective 10/1/09
 - Up to \$500.00 fine
 - Up to 90 days in jail
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How does this help you?

There is an opportunity during DPH annual mandated inspections of salons:

- Check to see if massage is on the menu.
 - Each person that performs the massage **MUST** be licensed. You can **NOT** work under someone else.
 - If they can not produce a current CT license you can then follow up with necessary parties: ie police, State DPH.
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Things that should raise the red flag:



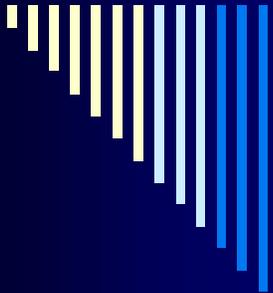
* Places that have a staff that does not speak English.

* Places that have come into CT from NY.



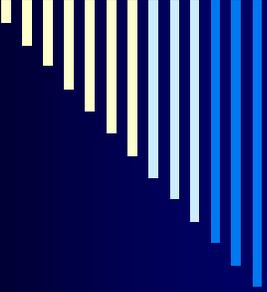
* Places who offer “couples” massage but have only one licensed therapist.

* Places who cannot, do not, will not tell you or will not post license numbers and names of massage personnel.



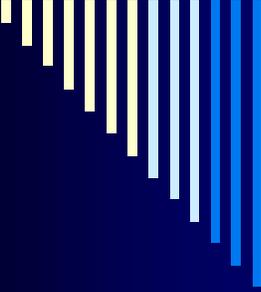
We are attempting to connect the dots!





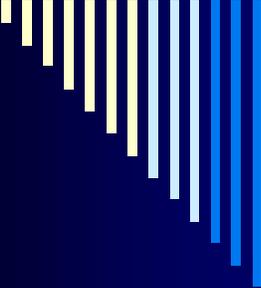
Use us as a Resource

- Answer questions about CT Massage Laws.
 - Assist in developing local ordinances.
 - “Out-dated” ordinances.
 - LOT page on AMTA website.
 - Model ordinance.
 - Standardize reporting and response procedures
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Web links:

- CT AMTA Local Ordinance Massage Team: http://www.amtactchapter.org/cr_lot.htm
- CT Licensing Law: http://www.ct.gov/dph/LIB/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigatins/plis/massagetherapist/MSG_statute.pdf
- Recent Legislation for Unlicensed Massage Activity:
- <http://search.cga.state.ct.us/2009/FC/pdf/2009HB-05883-R000628-FC.pdf>



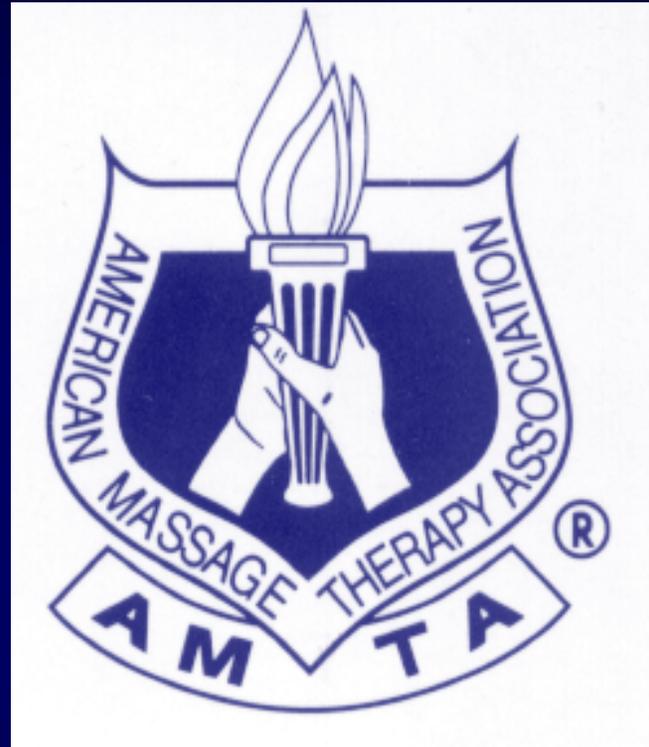
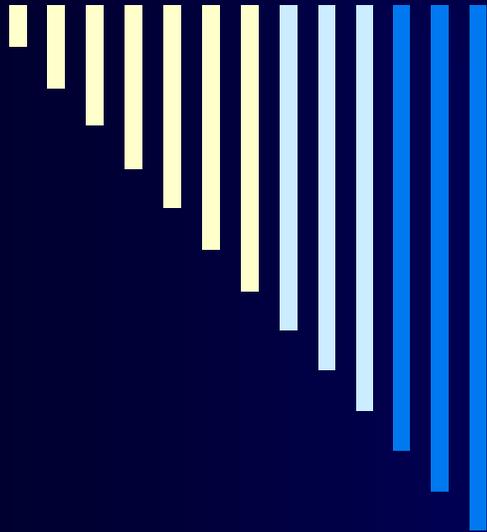
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