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| Type of lesion | Suggested margins |
| Suspected melanoma (excision biopsy) | 2 mm |
| Benign lesions | 2 mm |
| BCC less than 2 cm with well‑defined border | 4 mm |
| Aggressive BCC (e.g., sclerosing or micronodular on punch biopsy), BCC with unclear border, or close to clinical structures e.g., alar rim, eyelid margin) | Request [skin cancer assessment](https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/382984.htm).  May require wide margins and/or Mohs surgery and/or staging. |
| Well differentiated SCC (less than 2 cm) or SCC of any size on the lip or ears | 4 mm |
| SCC (larger than 2 cm) | Request [skin cancer assessment](https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/382984.htm).  May require wide margins and/or Mohs surgery. |
| Benign lesion | Generally 2 mm, less if clearly benign e.g., sebaceous cyst |

Reference: Auckland Region Community HealthPathways