

**Public Health Services Branch  
Environmental Health Division  
Body Art Practitioner  
Self-Inspection Checklist**



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**DOCUMENTATION**

- ☐ Display current and valid registration at workspace in publicly viewable location.
- ☐ Verify client ID and complete consent form for each procedure.
- ☐ Provide appropriate written aftercare instructions to clients.
- ☐ Have documentation of a completed approved Bloodborne Pathogen training.
- ☐ Have record of Hepatitis B vaccination.

**OPERATIONAL STANDARDS**

- ☐ NO smoking, eating, drinking, preparing food or any other activities that may contaminate the workstation or equipment.
- ☐ Wash hands thoroughly before and after each client.
- ☐ Wear new, clean, disposable examination gloves for each client.
- ☐ Use single-use, clean, disposable drapes, lap-cloths and/or aprons for each client.
- ☐ Clean client body area with germicidal soap, antiseptic or appropriate cleanser that is applied with a sanitary single-use applicator that is discarded after use or a sanitized reusable applicator before starting a body art procedure.
- ☐ Use a new single-use disposable razor for each procedure that requires shaving.
- ☐ The workstation area, including the instrument tray, is wiped down with a germicide or approved disinfectant immediately before any procedure is begun.
- ☐ Clean and sanitize tattoo machines after each body art procedure, and replace rubber bands and grommets between clients to prevent cross-contamination.
- ☐ Prevent contamination of reusable sanitizers, disinfectants, creams, lotions or other reusable materials that cannot be sanitized or sterilized.
- ☐ Branding is not done with any persons other than the client and the practitioner in the procedure area. Practitioners and clients must wear appropriate protective face filter masks.

**EQUIPMENT**

- ☐ All pre-packaged sterilized or facility sterilized instruments are opened in front of client.
- ☐ All dyes and pigments used in procedures are obtained from a commercial manufacturer specifically for use in body art.

- Only jewelry made of approved implant grade stainless steel, solid gold, niobium, titanium, platinum or other materials found to be equally bio-compatible are used for body piercing.
- Individual portions of dyes or pigments are placed in a clean single-use cup for each client. Any remaining unused product is discarded immediately upon completion of body art procedure.
- After use, all needles, and other sharps are immediately disposed of in an approved sharps container. Single-use items are not reused for any reason.

**GENERAL**

- Notify Environmental Health immediately and in writing of any change to operation site.
- Only the Practitioner, authorized individuals and the client are allowed in procedure areas.
- No tattoo procedures are performed on clients younger than 18 years of age.
- No body piercing procedure on clients younger than 18 years of age unless the piercing is done in the presence of a parent or legal guardian.

If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Health: 707-463-4466