

## **INSTRUMENT CLEANING**

Single-use, disposable needles, tubes, forceps, and other instruments shall be used when possible.

Reusable tubes, needle bars, forceps, and other instruments must be placed in an ultrasonic-type machine to remove any foreign material.

Each establishment utilizing reusable equipment or supplies is to be equipped with an autoclave. After each use and before use on another customer, all needle bars, grips, tubes, needles and other equipment or supplies shall be cleaned, packaged in a self-sealing autoclave bag that is dated with an expiration date not to exceed six months, and properly autoclaved.

Temperature sensitive autoclave tape must be applied to each load every time the autoclave is used or autoclave bags with a chemical color indicator on the bag must be used.

Sterile instruments must be stored in a condition so as to maintain their sterility.

## **WASTE DISPOSAL**

Needles and other sharp objects which may have come into contact with blood are to be placed in a closable, puncture-resistant, container which is leak-proof and labeled to identify the contents as a biohazard. Used bandages, gauze, gloves or other disposable items that may be contaminated with blood are to be placed in closable, leak-proof labeled container. These wastes must be transported, processed, and properly disposed of by an infectious waste transporter.

A leak-proof refuse container with a tight-fitting lid must be provided at each establishment for non-infectious waste and must be emptied at least daily.

All waste water must be disposed of in a sanitary sewage system. Approved dump stations and public restrooms are acceptable. DO NOT dump waste water down storm sewers or onto the ground surface.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

Tattooing or performing body piercing on any body part of a person under the age of eighteen (18) is not to be performed without the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of such minor. Parent or legal guardian must be present.

# **GUIDELINES FOR TEMPORARY BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS**

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The following guidelines have been developed to help temporary body art establishments operate in a safe and sanitary manner.

Guidelines are based on:

REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPERATION AND CONDUCT OF BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS (Erie County Ordinance 126 of 2006) and TITLE 18 CHAPTER 63 OF THE UNCONSOLIDATED PENNSYLVANIA STATUTES.

A Temporary Body Art Establishment is defined as a body art establishment that operates at a fixed location in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

## LICENSE

All temporary body art establishments must obtain and post a valid Certificate of Operation from the Erie County Department of Health. The license is only valid for the duration of the event or celebration. Licenses are not transferrable.

## SITE REQUIREMENTS

Tattooing and body piercing must be conducted within a building or structure which provides protection against the elements and dust, and is free of insects, rodents, other nuisances or pests.

The tattooing/body piercing area must be separated by a partition from any retail sales or other such activity which may cause potential contamination of work surfaces.

Adequate lighting and ventilation must be provided at the work location.

Smooth, nonabsorbent, easily-cleanable flooring must be provided. Acceptable flooring includes tarps, concrete, blacktop, or linoleum.

## OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

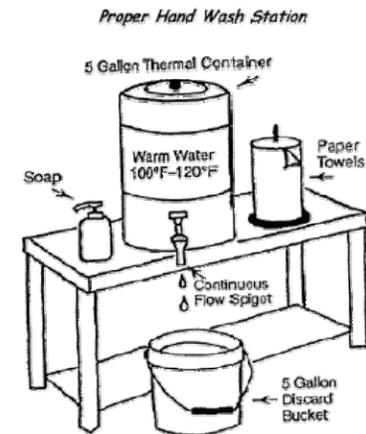
All body art operators must provide documentation to the Department that they have completed a bloodborne pathogen course approved by the Department.

## HYGIENE

Smoking, eating, and drinking are not permitted within the tattoo/body piercing area.

Each establishment must be provided with a hand washing station that includes:

- Warm, clean water
- Soap
- Single use paper towels
- Wastewater container



Disposable single use surgical gloves shall be worn for any procedure involving contact with a customer's skin, hair, or other body tissue. Gloves must be changed whenever contaminated to prevent cross-contamination. Used gloves shall be properly disposed of. Hands must be washed before donning gloves and after glove removal.

No person affected with any boils, infected wounds, open sores, acute respiratory infection or other communicable disease or condition, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea shall work in any area of a tattoo or body piercing establishment.

Toilet facilities shall be adequate, conveniently located and available during working hours.

## WATER SUPPLY

All water must be obtained from a safe source approved by the Department.