



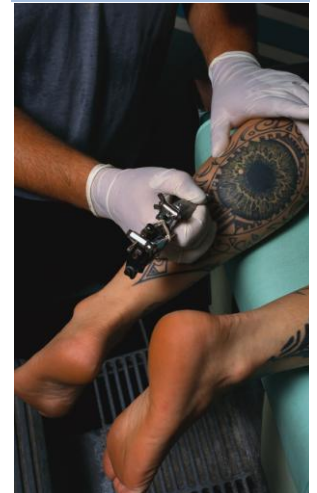
Guidelines For Temporary Tattoo & Body Piercing Events

Definition of a temporary tattoo/body piercing establishment:

A temporary body art establishment means a single building, structure, area or location where a tattooist or body piercer performs tattooing or body piercing that operates at a fixed location for a period of time of no more than 7 days in conjunction with a single event.

Why is a permit necessary?

The requirement of a permit and/or inspection is to ultimately ensure the health and safety of the public/patrons. Chapter 252 of the Wisconsin State Statutes requires that persons operating a tattoo and/or body piercing establishment have a valid permit issued by the Department and/or Agent of the Department. Permits are not transferable. A valid permit shall be noticeably posted in every body art concession.



Where do I get a permit?

If you are operating in Winnebago County and outside the jurisdictions of the Cities of Oshkosh, Menasha, and Neenah contact the Winnebago County Health Department at 920-232-3000. If operating in the above listed cities contact their respective health department.

Practitioner Requirements

- Each practitioner must have a current license issued by the State.
- Each practitioner's license must be posted in an area that is easily viewed by the customer.
- Practitioners cannot work with an exposed rash, skin lesion or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Patron Requirements

- Before any procedure can be performed the patron must complete and sign a release and consent form.
- The practitioner must verify the age of each patron. No person under 16 years of age can be pierced. No patron 16-17 may be pierced unless his or her parent or legal guardian has signed a consent form in the presence of the practitioner. No person under the age of 18 can be tattooed. A sign must be posted in plain site stating these requirements.
- A person who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol may not be tattooed or pierced.
- Tattooing and/or piercing procedures may not be performed in any area that has skin lesions or shows signs of infection.

Establishment Requirements

-Structure and Environment

- Floors, walls and ceilings must be constructed of materials that are smooth, non-absorbent and easily cleanable. Carpeting is not permitted. Wood must be painted.
- Adequate lighting must be available.
- Provide a privacy panel to separate the patron from other customers.

- All areas of the temporary facility must be kept clean, sanitary and free from insects & vermin.
- Animals (except service animals) are not allowed any where in the temporary facility.
- No smoking, eating or drinking is allowed in the area where procedures are performed.

-Hygiene

- Each temporary establishment must have an approved toilet and handwashing facility.
- Handwashing must take place upon entering the temporary stand and at times when contamination takes place. A handwashing station must have potable tempered water under pressure and be connected to a sewage system. A dispenser with antibacterial soap and single-service towels must be present.
- Single-use disposable gloves must be worn when preparing the skin and during the procedure. If interrupted, the practitioner must discard the gloves, wash their hands and put on a new pair of gloves. Gloves must be used for only one patron and discarded after use.
- Practitioners must wear clean washable clothing

-Waste

- Cleanable waste containers with non-absorbent, durable plastic liners must be used to discard single-use items (cotton swabs, tissue paper, gauze).
- Infectious waste and sharps waste (needles, syringes) must be contained in rigid, puncture resistant, labeled containers and be discarded in an approved manner.



-Cross Contamination from Equipment

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces, counters and general use equipment before each patron. Disinfectant must be on-site at all times during operation.
- Single-use plastic covers must be used to cover spray bottles or other reusable accessories. Discard all coverings after each patron.
- After each patron, discard and replace rubber bands that are used on the tattoo machine.
- Tattoo inks and pigments must come from a safe source and the practitioner must provide proof of that source.
- Use disposable, individual containers/ink cups. Discard properly after each patron.
- Thermographic paper stencils must be used during a temporary tattoo event. Acetate stencils are not allowed.
- All equipment, dyes, pigments, etc. must be stored in closed containers used exclusively for that purpose.



-Cross Contamination from Skin

- Disposable razors can only be used for one patron and discarded after use. If hair clippers are used, properly disinfect the screen after each patron.
- When using deodorant, apply the deodorant to a paper towel and then use the paper towel to apply the deodorant to the patron.
- Body piercing needles must be disposable, sterile and for single-patron use only.
- Body piercing jewelry must be cleaned individually packaged and sterilized prior to use.
- The area of skin where any tattoo or piercing is to be performed must be cleaned with an

- antiseptic solution prior to the procedure.
- Cotton, gauze or single-service toweling must be used to clean the skin and to apply the antiseptic solution.
 - Body piercing needles must be sterile, single-use and disposable. All body-piercing jewelry must be cleaned, individually packaged and sterilized prior to use.
 - The tattoo machine must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

-Sterilization

Store reusable needles, tubes and body piercing equipment in a covered stainless steel container with disinfectant solution until the items can be cleaned and sterilized.

To clean equipment before sterilization, follow the steps below:

1. Manually pre-clean to remove residue
2. Thoroughly rinse with warm water
3. Soak in a protein-dissolving detergent-enzyme cleaner
4. Clean in an ultrasonic cleaning unit operating at 40 to 60 Hz.
5. Rinse and air dry.

An autoclave must be present when sterilizing on-site. Provide copies of the most recent spore testing results. Each sterilized package must be dated and have a heat-sensitive indicator.

Sterilized equipment must be wrapped or covered & stored in a manner which ensures it remains sterile until used.



Patron Care

- Upon completion of procedure, provide the patron with written and verbal aftercare instructions.

Record Keeping

- The practitioner must maintain a record of each patron. The record must include the patron's name, address, age, the practitioner's name, any adverse effects/reactions and a completed and signed consent form.

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