

Body Art Establishment Self-Assessment

This self assessment can be used as a general guide regarding what Denver Public Health Inspections looks for during an inspection at body art establishments.

Requirements for body art establishments (on file for review):

- License posted
- Employee files are complete and include the following information:
 - Employee legal name, address, phone number, bloodborne pathogen certificate, hepatitis B vaccination or waiver documentation, and body artist license
- Sharps and bio-hazard waste disposal agreement
- Spore test log and results (2 years)
- Sterilizer load log (2 years) and includes:
 - Instruments, date, start and stop cycle time, temperature, indication of proper sterilization via color change indicator, name of person who ran sterilizer and name of person who checked outcome
- Written infection exposure control plan (updated annually or as needed)
- Autoclave operating manual

Client Records:

- Client records (2 years and provided on site)
- Client consent form includes:
 - Client name, address, phone
 - If the client has had any of the following: diabetes, communicable disease, hemophilia, skin diseases or lesions, allergies/adverse reactions to pigments, dyes disinfectants or soaps, history of epilepsy, seizures, fainting or narcolepsy, taking anticoagulants and any other information that would aid the body artist in the client's body art healing process evaluation.
 - Statement that body art is permanent and removal may leave scarring
 - Date of procedure
 - Type and location of procedure
 - Manufacturer and lot # of ink
 - Sterilization date or package/lot number used during procedure
- Client aftercare instructions include:
 - Establishment contact information and artist name
 - Care instructions and explanation of healing process
 - Explanation of when to call a doctor
 - Written reporting statement (see Guidelines for Body Art Aftercare Instructions)

Infection and exposure control:

- Hand washing procedures
- Post exposure procedure
- Infectious waste management
- Sharps containers provided in every procedure area

-Instrument cleaning-

- Soak container is covered and soak solution is changed as recommended
- Manual or ultrasonic cleaner is used
- Gloves are worn

-Packaging-

- Instrument cleaning and sterilization procedure
- Each package has color change indicator and is marked with date & time of sterilization
- Sterile packages are stored in a clean and dry area

-Sterilizer-

- Must be a steam autoclave and it should be a class 2 medical device
- Sterilizer load logs and spore test log & results (2 years)
- Cleaning of procedure area

Body art procedure:

- No reusing needles
- No smoking or eating
- Gloves and glove changing
- Use of drapes and lap cloths
- Single use portions
- Cleaning of procedure area
- Skin preparation
- Use of stencils
- Disposal of sharps including razors
- Disposal of contaminated waste
- Jewelry used meets standards

Facility requirements:

- Hand sinks are accessible and adequate in number (no more than 2 artists per hand sink)
- Hand sinks provide hot and cold water under pressure
- Hand sinks are equipped with soap and paper towels
- 50-foot candles of light in procedure area
- Separate areas are designated for cleaning, packaging and storing
- Instrument cleaning sink is available
- Sewage and trash disposal is provided
- Animals are not permitted
- Biohazard waste labels on trash containers
- Chemicals are labeled
- Separate waiting area

