



Sterilization

- Store reusable needles, tubes and body piercing equipment in a covered stainless steel container with disinfectant solutions until the items can be cleaned and sterilized.
- To clean equipment before sterilization:
 1. Pre-clean to remove residue
 2. Rinse with warm water
 3. Soak in a protein-dissolving detergent-enzyme cleaner
 4. Clean in ultrasonic cleaning unit operating at 40—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.
- Sterilized equipment must be wrapped or covered and stored in a manner which ensures it remains sterile until use.

Patron Care

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

Recordkeeping

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

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MOBILE BODY ART EVENTS

**Maintaining a Safe
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Tattoo and
Piercing Stand**

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WHAT IS A MOBILE BODY ART EST.

A mobile 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 no more than 7 days in conjunction with a single event.

Permits must be obtained from the health department 2 weeks in advance of the event.

Practitioner Requirements

- Each practitioner must have a current license issued by the state of Wisconsin.
- 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 one under 16 years of age can be pierced. No patron 16-17 may be pierced without parental/guardian consent. No one under 18 can be tattooed. A sign must be posted in plain site stating this.
- 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 with skin lesions or 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.
- Adequate lighting must be available.
- Provide a privacy panel to separate the patron from other customers.
- All areas of the mobile facility shall be kept clean, sanitary and free from insects and vermin.
- Animals (except service animals) are not allowed anywhere in the facility.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the area where procedures are performed.

Hygiene

- Each mobile establishment must have an approved hand washing facility with potable hot or tempered water under pressure, soap and single-service towels.
- Hand washing must take place upon entering the mobile stand and at times when contamination takes place.
- Single-use disposable gloves must be worn when preparing the skin and during the procedure. If interrupted, the practitioner must discard the gloves, wash hands and put on a new pair of gloves.
- Practitioners must wear clean clothing.

Waste

- Cleanable waste containers with non-absorbent, durable plastic liners must be used to discard single-use items.
- Infectious waste and sharps must be contained in a puncture resistant, labeled container and discarded in an approved manner.

CROSS-CONTAMINATION

Equipment

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces and equipment before each patron. Disinfectant must be on-site at all times.
- Single-use plastic covers must be used to cover spray bottles or other reusable accessories. Discard all coverings after each patron.
- Discard and replace rubber bands used on the tattoo machine after each patron.
- Tattoo inks and pigments must come from a safe source and the practitioner must provide proof of that source.
- Use disposable, individual containers for ink. Discard after each patron.
- All equipment, dyes, pigments must be stored in a closed container used exclusively for that purpose.

Skin

- Disposable razors can only be used for one patron and discarded after use.
- 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 procedure.
- The tattoo machine must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.