



COUNTY of VENTURA

Environmental Health Division

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BODY ART FACILITY HEALTH PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The Safe Body Art Act was developed to provide minimum statewide standards for practitioners engaged in the business of tattooing, body piercing, branding, and the application of permanent cosmetics in California. The requirements listed in California Health and Safety Code Sections 119300 to 119328 are intended to protect both the practitioner and the client from transmission of infectious diseases through the application of proper body art procedures and the control of cross-contamination of instruments and supplies.

A body art facility must meet requirements listed in the California Health and Safety Code to offer or perform body art procedures to the public. Only registered practitioners may offer or perform body art procedures from a permitted facility. Prior to issuance of a health permit from the Environmental Health Division, the following requirements must be met:

FORMS:

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| 1. A current Infection Prevention and Control Plan must be developed to train body art practitioners in your body art facility. Attach a copy of this plan to the Body Art Facility Health Permit Application. |
| 2. A client consent form must be provided, with a description of the procedure, a statement regarding the permanent nature of the body art, a description of what to expect after the procedure, suggested care, and information on medical complications that may occur as a result of the procedure. The consent form must include a notice that tattoo inks, dyes, and pigments have not been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and that the health consequences of using these products are unknown. The consent form must include post-procedure instructions with information on the care of the procedure site, restrictions on physical activities, signs and symptoms of infection, and signs that indicate the need to seek medical care. |
| 3. Clients shall read and sign a medical questionnaire form.
A medical history questionnaire form is required to include information such as whether the client may be pregnant, has a history of herpes infection at the proposed procedure site, diabetes, allergic reactions to latex or antibiotics, hemophilia or other bleeding disorder, or cardiac valve disease. It should also include if the person has a history of medication use or is currently using medication, including being prescribed antibiotics prior to any dental or surgical procedures, and other risk factors for bloodborne pathogen exposure. The complete and signed questionnaire requesting medical history shall be kept in a secure and confidential locked storage cabinet and kept on file with the permanent or mobile body art facility. |

DISINFECTANT used in the Body Art Facility:

Bleach 1:100 ratio	Madacide	Opti-Cide 3	Other EPA or DPR disinfectant
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AUTOCLAVE AND ULTRASONIC MACHINE AND MODEL # used in the Body Art Facility:

Autoclave Machine & Model #	Ultrasonic Machine & Model #
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FACILITY, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES:

1. Adequate restroom with a hand wash sink equipped with hot and cold running water, containerized liquid soap, and single-use paper towels dispensed from a mounted touchless dispenser.
2. Personal protective equipment, such as disposable aprons, bibs, or lap pads over clean dry clothing, disposable gloves, face filter masks, and eye goggles for practitioners.
3. A designated decontamination and sterilization area equipped with a bio sink supplied with hot and cold running water, containerized liquid soap, and single-use paper towels dispensed from a mounted touchless dispenser. Body art facilities that do not have sterilization equipment or do not have access to a decontamination and sterilization area, must provide only disposable, single-use, pre-sterilized instruments and pre-sterilized jewelry. Records of purchase, use, and procedures (name of practitioner, name of client, and date of procedure) must be maintained for at least 90 days.
4. A steam autoclave manufactured for the sterilization of medical instruments.
5. A procedure area separated from the decontamination and sterilization area by at least five feet or by a cleanable barrier. The procedure area must be separated by a wall or ceiling-to-floor partition, from nail and hair activities.
6. A hand wash sink equipped with hot and cold running water, containerized liquid soap, and single-use paper towels dispensed from a mounted touchless dispenser in the procedure areas.
7. Sharps containers labeled with the words "sharps waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "BIOHAZARD" for the disposal of needles, needle bars, razors, or other sharp items. Provide the name of the Medical Waste Hauling Co. or approved Mail Back System.
8. Lined waste containers in each procedure area and decontamination and sterilization areas.
9. Facility must have floors, walls, and ceilings.
10. Floors and walls must be smooth, washable, non-absorbent, and free of holes.
11. Facility must be free of insect and rodent infestation.
12. Adequate light source in the procedure areas.
13. Be separated from all business not related to body art, at the discretion of the local enforcement office.
14. No animals shall be allowed in the procedure areas or the decontamination and sterilization area except service animals, as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.
15. The body art facility shall be separate from any residential areas used for sleeping, bathing, or meal preparation. A body art facility associated with a residential dwelling shall have a separate entrance and toilet facility, and shall not have a door allowing direct access between the body art facility and the residential dwelling.
16. The body art facility owner is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits required to operate a body art facility.