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BODY ART TEMPORARY EVENT SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor: The event sponsor must complete the Body Art Temporary Event Sponsor application and submit it to this Division, along with all individual temporary body art practitioner registration applications and applicable payments a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the scheduled event. The payment can be made with cash, a pre-printed check or money order made payable to the Ventura County Environmental Health Division.

Applications will not be accepted after the 30 day deadline.

Body Art Event Requirements:

1. Event must be held inside of a building with access to a potable water supply.
2. Practitioners shall have direct access to restrooms that have flush toilets supplied with toilet paper, hand wash sinks supplied with hot and cold running water, soap, and single-use paper towels.
3. Each body art procedure booth shall have a sharps container labeled with the words "sharps waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "biohazard".
4. The body art sponsor shall use a licensed medical waste disposal company for removal of all sharps waste containers used during the body art event. Provide name, address, and phone number of medical waste disposal company. AFTER THE EVENT, PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION WITH A COPY OF THE DISPOSAL RECEIPT/TRACKING DOCUMENT.
5. The body art procedure booth shall have a partition of at least 3 feet in height separating the procedure area from the public. The booth must have floor space of at least 50 square feet for each practitioner.
6. The body art booth shall be used exclusively for performing body art.
7. The booth shall be free of insect or rodent infestation.
8. There shall be handwashing equipment that, at a minimum, consists of containerized liquid soap, single-use paper towels, a five gallon or larger container of water accessible via spigot, and a wastewater collection and holding tank of corresponding size, available in the body art booths. Potable water shall be filled and the holding tank evacuated frequently to provide uninterrupted use, or as determined by the local enforcement agency. If shared handwashing stations are provided for the event, then the sponsor shall provide one handwash area for every two demonstration booths at the event. The shared handwash areas shall be located in a booth with partitions at least three feet in height separating the handwash area from the public. The area shall be equipped with a commercial, self-contained hand wash station that consists of containerized liquid soap, single-use paper towels, a storage capacity of five gallons or more of potable water, and a trash receptacle. The sponsor shall be responsible for the waste water removal.
9. The body art procedure booths shall be equipped with adequate lighting.
10. Animals are not allowed within the confines of the demonstration booth, with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
11. The demonstration booth shall have smooth, cleanable flooring.
12. No food, drink, or tobacco products are permitted in the demonstration booth.
13. The sponsor shall ensure frequent trash pickup from the demonstration booths.
14. A decontamination and sterilization area that is separated from a procedure area by at least 5 feet, or by a cleanable barrier, shall be provided if reusable equipment is used or jewelry has not been sterilized. Provide information on autoclave and ultrasonic machine and provide a spore test from within the last 30 days of the start of the body art event.
15. The name, telephone number, and directions to an emergency room near the temporary body art event shall be posted in a conspicuous location.

16. Adequate backup supplies that have been stored in compliance with subdivision (d) of Section 119315 of the California Health and Safety Code and Safe Body Art Act and that can be purchased by practitioners, such as pre-sterilized tattoo needles, pre-sterilized needle tubes, pre-sterilized piercing instruments, receiving tubes, corks, marking tools, pre-sterilized and single-use forceps, plastic bags, barrier film, clip cord covers, plastic wrap, ink cups, nitrile and latex gloves, single-use tubes of water-based and petroleum-based lubricants, and dressing materials shall be provided at the event.

17. The temporary body art event sponsor is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits required to operate a body art event. For example, Business License from the city where event will take place.

18. The sponsor shall not allow a person to perform body art procedures at the event unless the person has a valid body art practitioner registration.

19. The sponsor shall have all forms and documents required to perform body art, including, but not limited to, client consent forms, medical history forms, aftercare instructions, and single-use instrument logs.

20. Each practitioner working in a booth at a temporary body art event shall display his or her certificate of registration, or keep the certificate in a folder that is available for inspection upon request of the enforcement officer or client.