

**INYO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INTERIM STANDARDS FOR TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING AND PERMANENT COSMETICS
PURSUANT TO AB 186 OF 1997
November 2007**

When practitioners or clients are exposed to the blood of others, there is a potential risk of infection with at least three significant human pathogens: Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

To minimize the possible risk of transmission of blood borne diseases from a client to other clients, or to yourself, the following standards are to be observed:

FOR PROTECTION OF THE CLIENT, PRACTITIONERS SHALL:

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect work surfaces and equipment after each procedure is completed;
- Properly dispose of any disposable needles;
- Wear clean clothing;
- Wash and disinfect hands and forearms between clients. Hands and forearms are not considered clean unless they have been thoroughly washed with soap and water for at least 10 seconds, followed by a thorough rinsing under a stream of potable (drinkable) water;
- Practitioners shall be free of diseases that can be transmitted via performance, e.g. pustular skin lesions;
- Practitioners shall not eat, drink or smoke in work areas or while performing procedures;
- Skin surfaces shall be cleaned prior to tattooing, piercing or the application of permanent cosmetics. Procedures shall not be performed on skin surfaces exhibiting any sunburn, rash, pimples, boils, moles or infection or otherwise manifesting any evidence of unhealthy conditions;
- Proper records are to be maintained on each customer, including: date; client's name, date of birth, gender and current address; type, description and location of procedure and date of procedure; and the name of the practitioner.

FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION, PRACTITIONERS SHOULD:

- Wear protective gloves while doing any procedure that may cause bleeding, and discard them after each client;
- Wear a face shield if there is any danger of splash from blood or other body fluids;
- Discard used items immediately after use into a waterproof container or plastic bag.

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS, PRACTITIONERS SHALL NOT:

- Apply any tattoo to a person under eighteen (18) years of age except when authorized or directed by a physician;
- Perform body piercing on a person under the age of eighteen unless performed in the presence of, or as directed by a notarized writing by, the person's parent or guardian. Both the guardian and the minor shall have a valid picture identification;
- Perform body piercing of the nipples or genitalia on a person under the age of eighteen;
- Perform tattooing, body piercing or permanent cosmetics on any person who is impaired by drugs or alcohol;
- Perform tattooing or permanent cosmetics without first advising the client that these are to be considered permanent and can only be removed by a surgical procedure, which may result in scarring.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of these standards. I further commit to comply with these standards when performing activities associated with tattooing, body piercing or permanent cosmetics.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date