



General Requirements for Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments

License Requirements

- Tattooist and/or body piercer practitioner's license (issued by DSPS*)
 - Posted in establishment
- Body Art establishment license (issued by Rock County Public Health)
 - Posted in establishment

Signage

Applicable signs posted in a conspicuous place:

- No person under 18 may be tattooed
- No person under 16 may be body pierced
- No person 16-17 may be body pierced without a signed legal guardian consent

Procedure Area

- Handwashing sink conveniently located
 - Hot & cold water under pressure
 - Antibacterial soap
 - Paper towels
- Garbage container with plastic liner
- Approved sharps container
- Floors, walls, & ceiling: smooth, light colored, & easily cleanable
 - Carpet & acoustical ceiling tiles prohibited
- Sufficient lighting
- Privacy barrier readily available

General Facility

- Public restroom with a handwashing sink & covered waste container
- Establishment clean, in good repair, & vermin free
- Living areas completely separated from establishment
- Approved water source & wastewater disposal
- Approved sharps disposal facility (*see DNR Registered Sharps Collection Stations)

Equipment/Supplies

- Inks & single use equipment from approved sources
- Inks & equipment stored in closable & secured cabinets
- Gloves shall be non-absorbent & single use
- Plastic covers for spray bottles shall be single use
- Ink cups shall be single use
- Tattoo stencils and body markers shall be single use
- FDA approved autoclave, if applicable (*see published list)

Policy/Procedures

- Patrons denied service if:
 - Under the influence of alcohol or mind-altering drug
 - Has skin lesions or infections in the procedure area
- Tattooist & body piercer
 - Prohibited from work while under the influence
 - Maintains themselves in a hygienic manner
 - Washes hands & exposed parts of arms before/after procedure & more often as needed
 - Wears disposable gloves during skin preparation & procedure
 - Clean site & prepare with antiseptic before procedure
- Smoking & eating prohibited in procedure area (non-alcoholic drinks for patrons allowed)
- Animals prohibited in establishment (service animals for people with disabilities allowed)
- Surfaces & equipment in procedure area cleaned & disinfected prior to patron seating
- Sharps properly disposed of
- Use of single-use plastic covers for spray bottles
- Reusable needles, tubes, & piercing equipment (if applicable)
 - Properly stored after use
 - Clean & sterilized in autoclave
 - Wrapped or covered to prevent contamination
- Autoclave spore-tested monthly (if applicable)

Forms/Instructions

- Approved Tattoo Consent Form (*See DSPS form 3204)
- Approved Body Piercing Consent Form (*See DSPS form 3203)
- Post-procedure written care instructions for patrons

Record Keeping

- Patron consent forms & records stored for at least 2-years
- Sterilization & monthly spore test records kept for at least 1-year

Resources

DSPS Body Art

Establishment: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/TattooingBodyPiercingEstablishment/Default.aspx>

Practitioner: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/TattooistBodyPiercer/Default.aspx>

SPS 221 - https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/sps/professional_services/220/221.pdf

Rock County Public Health - <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/public-health/licensed-facilities>



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