

How we Ensure Safe Public Health Between the Body Art Industry and Regulatory Agencies



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What are the 5 Types of Body Art ?

- Tattooing is any act of placing ink or other pigment into or under the skin or mucosa.
- Piercing involves securing the skin and inserting a needle to create a hole through which jewelry can be inserted.
- Cosmetics tattooing is a technique of tattooing.
- Scarification is the process in which a mark or marks are cut into human skin tissue to leave a permanent mark.
- Branding is the process in which a mark or marks are burned into human skin tissue to leave a permanent mark.



These procedures use different tools but, what is the one thing they have in common?

Exposure to **Bloodborne Pathogens!**

NEHA's Body Art Model Code

- BAMC -

- The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) developed the BMAC which is a comprehensive guide to protect public health in the body art industry.
- It's a resource for jurisdictions when developing or updating their body art regulations ensuring to address public health risks.
- BMAC is the only model code that addresses body art issues and public health risks making it the best resource for jurisdictions to create and update their code.



BAMC Annex

- The BAMC Annex serves as a resource that supports and provides justification, rational, and best practice requirements for the body art industry.
- The BAMC and Annex are updated together in the latest version of the 2024 code.



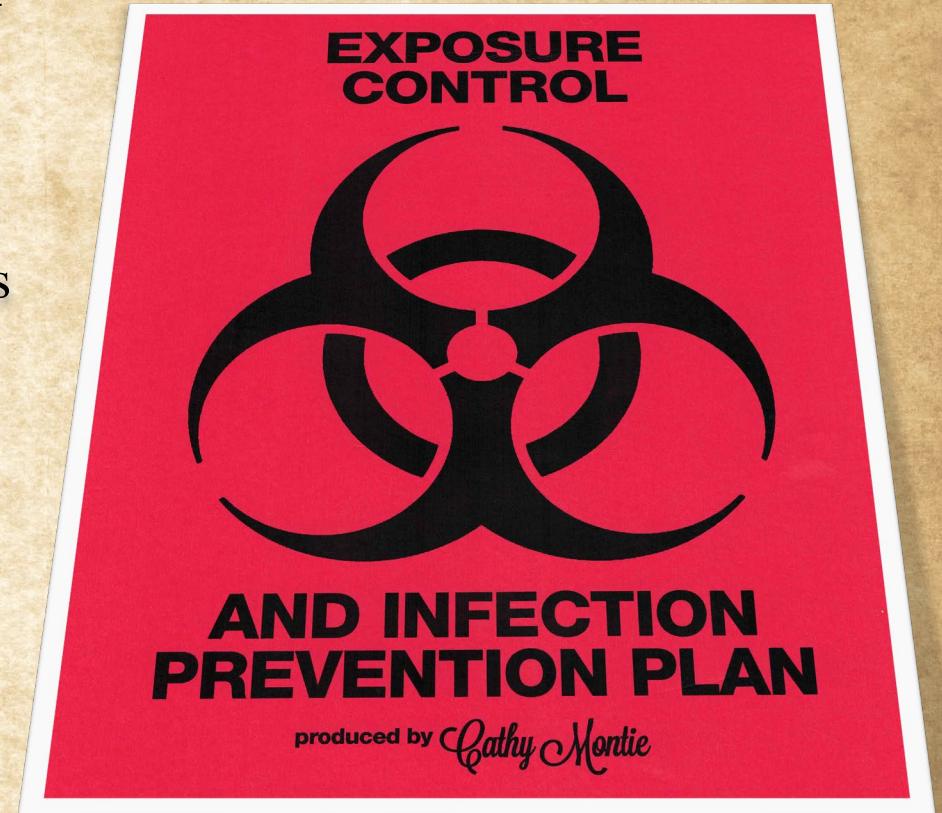
Occupational Health and Safety Administration

- OSHA is the U.S. Department of Labor agency responsible for ensuring employees' safe and healthy working conditions.
- OSHA sets and enforces workplace safety standards, provides educational training and conducts inspections to ensure compliance.
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) is the federal regulation to protect employees from occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens like HIV and Hepatitis B.
- Facilities implement safeguards including:
 - Exposure Control and Infection Prevention Plans.
 - Universal precautions.
 - Recommending Vaccinations.
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
 - Yearly employee training.



Exposure Control and Infection Prevention Plan ECIPP

- OSHA and NEHA's BAMC require an ECIPP.
- The ECIPP contains the Standard Operating Procedures and the forms needed to document information for body art facilities.
- ECIPP's helps to ensure a safe working environment for everybody.



“Say What You Do – Do What You Say – And Prove It!

Emergency Plan Requirements

- OSHA and NEHA require a plan for exposures.
- Define the type of hazards.
- Establish a Standard Operating Procedure.
- Reporting adverse events.
- Document the exposure and retain the report.



Universal Precautions

- Universal precautions are a set of infection control practices designed to prevent the transmission of bloodborne pathogens, such as HIV, Hepatitis B, and syphilis.
- The facility owners must make Hepatitis B vaccination available to all their employees.
- The health department requires the Hepatitis B vaccination or a Hepatitis B Declination Form.





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Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination

I _____ understand that, due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.

I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease.

If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.

I decline Hepatitis B vaccination at this time.

Print Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____ / _____ / 20_____

Witness:

Print Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____ / _____ / 20_____

Source: OSHA Section 1910, Standard Number: 1910.1030 App A - Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination (Mandatory). Part Number: 1910, Part Number Title: Occupational Safety and Health Standards

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Gloves.
- Aprons.
- Safety Glasses – Shields.
- Masks.
- Sleeve Guards.

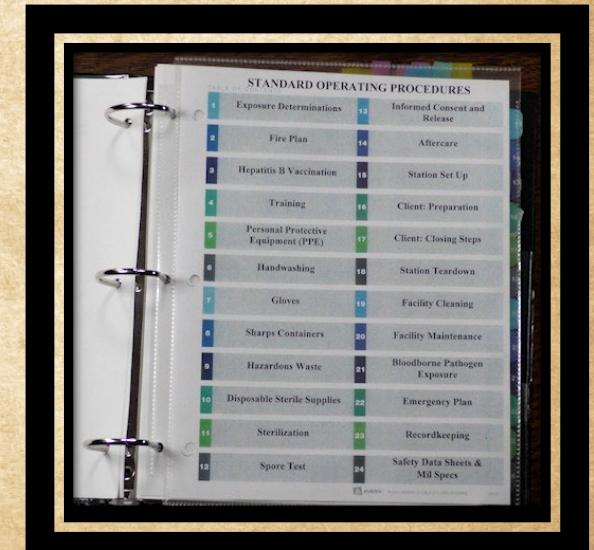


When We Protect Ourselves, We Protect Others!

Training Required by OSHA & Health Departments

- Annual employee Bloodborne Pathogen Training.
- Initial, Revised and Annual Standard Operating Procedures training.
- In some areas, the following training may be required by a few health departments around the country:

- First Aid.
- CPR.



We are never too old to learn!

Handwashing Requirements

The Body Art facility is required to have an SOP in its ECIPP for handwashing.

Procedure areas must be equipped with a handwashing station.

- Sink, faucet, and warm water.
- Access to soap.
- Disposable paper towels dispenser.



What's the difference between Antiseptic – Antibacterial.

- Antiseptic products can be harsh on skin.
- Antibacterial products are best and used.



If not working with blood, the use of antibacterial hand gel/sanitizer is fine.

Sharps Container & Hazardous Waste

Sharps Containers requirements.

- Handling.
- Labeling.
- Storage.
- Disposal/Transportation.
- Documentation.



Remember if it's not documented, it didn't happen!

Disposable Sterile Supplies

Purchased, pre-packaged, disposable, sterile, and single-use.

- Document purchasing information.
- Storage.
- Handling.
- Disposing of the Sharps immediately after use.



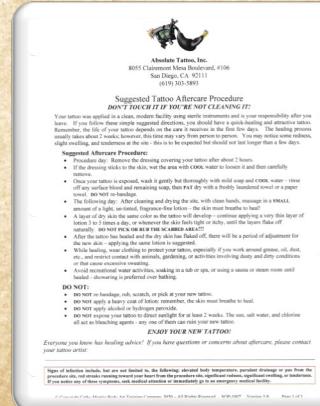
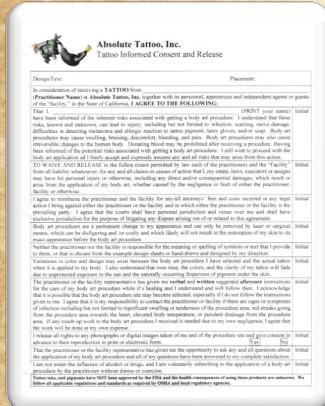
Sterilizing In-house

- Requires a separate room with a Biohazard Warning Sign.
Required to be trained on the sterilization process.
Designate separate storage for products and equipment.
- Sterilization Log to document the autoclave process including:
Class 5 Chemical Indicators.
Spore Testing Process Vendor.
- We do not sanitize! We use Tuberculocidal Disinfectant.



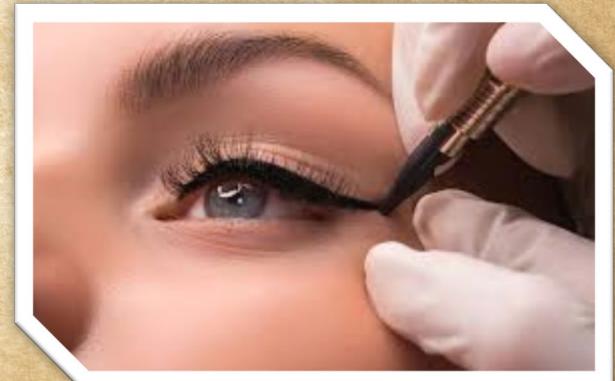
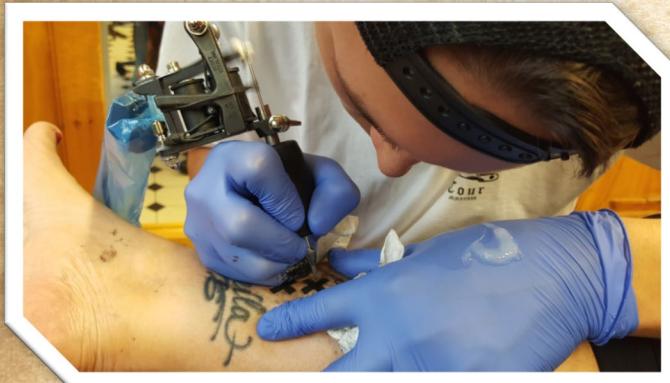
Informed Consent & Release Form And Aftercare Requirements

- Body art facilities are required to have an IC&RF.
- Body art facilities are required to retain IC&RF either digital or written.
- Body art facilities are required to give Aftercare instructions.
- The IC&RF is the last step to complete the circle of Sterilization.



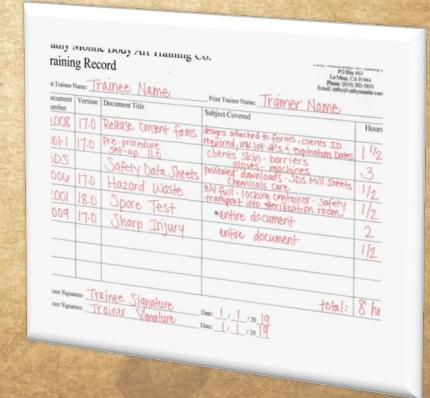
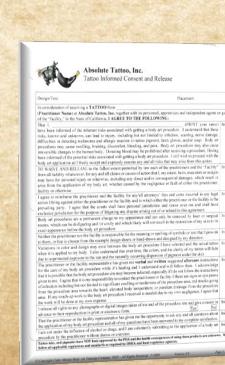
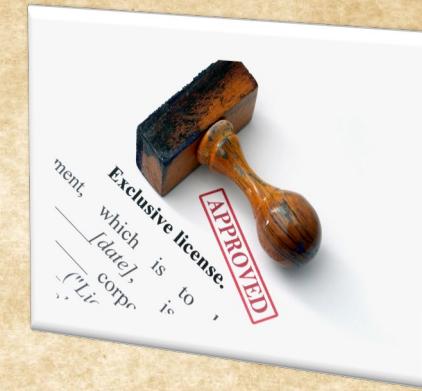
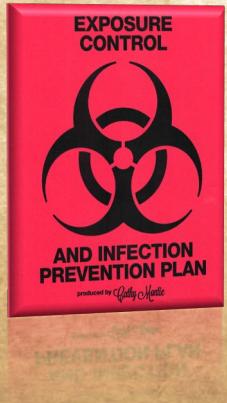
Cosmetic Tattooing Inks

As of 2022, the Modernization of Cosmetic Regulations Act MoCRA granted the FDA new authorities and imposed a series of new requirements on the cosmetic tattoo ink industry.



Recordkeeping Health Department Requirements

- Federal, State, County, City Licenses and Permits.
- Employment Application.
- Training Records.
- Exposure Control and Infection Prevention Plan.
- Safety Data Sheets.
- Waste Management.
- Informed Consent & Release Forms.





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