

# CT Tattoo studio



# inspection checklist

*A guideline for state level requirements and inspections of proper sterilization and cleanliness of tattoo establishments.*

## **Tattoo Technicians CHECKLIST (yes/no)**

- 1. All practicing tattoo technicians must be registered as a Tattoo Technician with the state Dept. of Public Health and have proper licenses prominently displayed. List artists and their license numbers below:**
- 2. Practitioners have completed approved bloodborne pathogens and first aid training and are up to date.**
- 3. Use of disposable gloves is mandatory during tattoo procedures. Additional personal protective equipment is available and used at tattoo technicians discretion.**
- 4. Hands are washed effectively, before and after each client and before and after any break.**

5. Hand sink is accessible, has hot/cold running water, containerized liquid soap, and single-use paper towels are available.

6. Practitioner does not place food, drink or smoke/vape on clients tattoo procedure set up.

## **MACHINES and SETUPS      Yes/no**

1. All machines are disinfected between clients.

2 All items in set up are new, disinfected, or sterilized.

3. Disposable gloves must be worn and changed at regular intervals following safe glove use guidelines. One such guide is available from the Center for Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/poster-how-to-remove-gloves.pdf>

4. Skin should be adequately prepared before procedure with antiseptics/alcohol, antimicrobial, or microbicide solution.

5. Decontamination of workstation using cleaning Sanitizer should consist of medical/hospital/surgical grade disinfectant, which acts as a bactericidal, fungicidal, virucidal and tuberculocidal.

6. All chemicals and liquids used in tattooing area are identifiable by tattoo technicians and stored properly.

7. Appropriate barriers should be used on all surfaces expected to be contacted during the

tattoo procedure including but not limited to; clip cord, bottles, set up tray/area, power supply, lights, etc.

8. Any needles or cartridges taken out of package or placed on tattoo procedure setup for client, are to be placed into sharps container immediately after tattoo procedure. Sharps container is properly labeled and is within close proximity of each workstation.

9. Sharps are properly disposed through valid sharps collection service included pickup or mail in service; records should be maintained and made available.

10. Trash containers have a closing lid and hands free operation through foot pedal or touch free sensor.

## **CLIENT RECORDS/FORMS: SECTION**

### **Yes/no**

1. Informed consent, waiver, and medical release forms are on file for a minimum of 3 years for each client with properly documented/verified identification. If the client is a minor, minor and guardian must BOTH have photo identification with birthdate ALONG with the long form of birth certificate to connect minor and guardian:

2. Appropriate verbal and written aftercare instructions are available to be given to each client, with contact information. (Please attach tattoo studios aftercare).

## **FACILITY REQUIREMENTS: SECTION YES/NO**

1. Tattoo studio or designated area has been deemed viable by the town it resides in. Any applicable permits/ business license or correct zoning has been approved.

2. If located in a building that also contains residential areas, the Tattoo area must be separate from any residential areas. This facility must have a separate entrance and toilet facility.

3. Counters, service trays, chairs, rests and other surfaces used during the procedure are to have a smooth, durable, and nonabsorbent finish.

4. Facility maintained free of vermin and insect infestation and kept in a clean and sanitary manner.

5. Flooring in work areas is to be made of non absorbent easily cleanable material.

6. Tattoo procedure setups are clean and should have only the equipment necessary for performing the tattoo. Set up area should be free of personal material and be able to be easily disinfected between each client.

**DECONTAMINATION AREAS (if applicable)    YES  
NO**

1. Separated from procedure areas by at least 5 feet or by a cleanable barrier. Equipped with a sink that has hot/cold running water, containerized liquid soap, and single-use paper towels that are dispensed from a wall-mount.

2. Trash containers have a closing lid and hands free operation through foot pedal or touch free sensor, and are lined with a garbage bag.

4. Floor cleaning should be done with a flat mop using a disposable pad with cleaner, sanitizer, or microbial disinfectant to decontaminate blood/mucus membranes. Cleaning tools used for tattoo areas are to be kept in a separate area away from any workstation.

**CLEANING AND STERILIZATION:                    YES NO**

1. If used, Ultrasonic cleaner-manufacturer's instructions followed and an appropriate cleaning agent used. Should not be located on the tattoo workstation.

2. If used, the Autoclave is approved, operable, clean and properly maintained. Autoclave passes Integrator test with each load and monthly spore test. Autoclave is operated per manufacturer's instructions and specifications.

**3. If there is NO autoclave in the establishment: there must be proof of a disposable set up.  
Tattoo tubes and needles and needle cartridges must be fully disposable.**

4. Things that are dated should not be past expiration date.