

Mecklenburg County Public Health

Tattoo/Permanent Makeup Permit Checklist

All items must be correct in order to receive a Tattoo Permit.

Artist Station

- Artist station separate/restricted from other areas
- Floors and walls non-absorbent, smooth, and easily cleanable
- Furniture and furnishing in tattoo area non-absorbent, easily cleanable and in good repair, no tears or other damage
- Protected storage area for general tattoo supplies

Lavatory

- Hand washing sinks
 - Only for use by the Artist, at least one sink per 5 artists
 - Hot and cold water through mixing faucet
 - Plumbed to water and sewer system, cannot be a portable sink.
 - Hand sink must be accessible without touching doors with hands
 - Soap and paper towels must be available at hand sink
 - Nail brush for each artist
 - Fingernail file or orange stick for each artist

Tattoo Procedures

- Needles, disposable tubes, and/or cartridges with sterilization method and current expiration date
- Artist uses all disposable items (needle tubes, cartridges, ect.) or Autoclave (Steam and Heat) required for multiuse tattooing equipment
- Individually packaged sterile bandages for covering tattoo.
 - Plastic wrap, paper towels, and autoclaved lap cloths are not approved
- Disposable ink caps
- Germicidal skin cleanser (Green soap, Dettol, alcohol (70%), or similar)
- Dispensing bottles labeled with contents
- Disposable razors
- Disposable gloves
- Non-absorbent lap cloth, cleanable non-absorbent gown, disposable gown, or other suitable protection

Precautions

- Sharps container
- Trash can with liner
- Disinfectant capable of destroying HIV and Hepatitis B

Records

- Client Consent Forms with Name, Address, Phone Number, Date of Birth, and Signature kept on file a minimum of two years
- Monthly endospore test required for Autoclave, not required if using all disposable tubes/cartridges