



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3701-9-05 Additional requirements for tattoo services.

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In addition to the requirements of rule 3701-9-04 of the Administrative Code, the operator shall ensure that the business and all persons performing tattooing procedures shall comply with the following:

(A) Prior to a procedure, the area of the patron's body to be tattooed, shall be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water, then prepared with an antiseptic solution that is applied with a clean single use gauze square, cotton ball or square, cotton swab or other clean, absorbent, disposable material.

(B) All products applied to the skin, including but not limited to stencils, shall be single use and disposable. Stencils shall be dispensed and applied on the area to be tattooed with a clean paper towel or an applicator in a manner to prevent contamination of the original container and its contents. Petroleum-based products shall not be used in conjunction with latex gloves.

(C) Only commercially manufactured inks, dyes, or pigments that are intended for tattooing shall be used. Powdered dyes shall be liquified as recommended by the manufacturer. Unless approved by the manufacturer, ink, dye or pigment colors shall not be adulterated by the body artist. Single use containers of inks, dyes or pigments shall be used for each patron and the body artist shall discard the container and remaining dye or ink upon completion of procedure. If non-disposable containers are used, they shall be sterilized before reuse. The body artist performing the procedure shall remove excess dye, pigment or ink from the skin with single-use gauze squares, cotton balls or squares, cotton swabs, or other clean, absorbent, disposable material.

(D) The body artist shall wash the completed tattoo with a single use gauze square, cotton ball or square or cotton swab, saturated with an appropriate antiseptic solution approved by the board of health. The tattooed area shall be allowed to dry, after which the body artist shall apply a sterile, non-occlusive, single use dressing secured with non-allergenic tape to the site. Non-medical use paper products including, but not limited to, napkins and tape for dressing shall not be used.