

beauty & body art safety

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!





Important Information on Home-Based or Mobile Tattooists and Piercers

- Visit only inspected home-based or mobile tattooists and piercers.
- Ask for the last health unit inspection report.
- Ask questions about infection prevention & control practices.
- Serious blood-borne infections such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV can occur if improper practices are used.

You do not have to see blood or body fluids on needles or equipment for an infection to occur



**Not all home-based
or mobile services
are inspected.**

**Call the
health unit
to confirm.**





When getting a tattoo or piercing, make sure that:

- Tattooists / piercers clean their hands and wear new clean gloves.
- Surface skin antiseptic is used on the skin before tattooing or piercing. Injectable antiseptic must not be used.
- New sterile needles are used each time.
- Only new single-use disposable tattoo tubes/barrels/ grips and body piercing equipment are used if no sterilizer (autoclave) is on-site.
- Ear piercing devices pierce only ear lobes.
- Sterile hollow-bore needles are used to pierce any part of the body, including cartilage.
- Only sterile jewellery made of high-grade, surgical steel or gold is used.
- The artist does not double-dip the needles into ink that has been used on other people.
- Used needles are disposed of in a sharps container
- Equipment is cleaned and disinfected or sterilized after each client.
- Written and verbal aftercare instructions are provided on how to take care of the tattoo or piercing until it heals.
- Your full contact information is recorded in the event a follow-up is needed.



Services inspected by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit include:



- Tattooing
- Micropigmentation
- Electrolysis
- Body Piercing
- Ear Lobe Piercing
- Manicure & Pedicure
- Hair Dressing & Barbering
- Laser Hair Removal
- Facials
- Waxing
- Massage
- Tanning

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