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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