

How to Obtain a Body Art Health Permit



The Safe Body Art Act

- The Safe Body Art Act regulates tattooing, permanent cosmetics, branding, and piercing.
- This law requires all body art practitioners to annually register with the County and work from an approved and inspected facility.
- Temporary body art events and mechanical ear piercing businesses are also regulated by the Safe Body Art Act.

Body Art that requires permits and registrations

Permits allow the following types of body art to be performed:

- Tattooing
- Piercing
- Permanent Make-up
- Branding

Additional types of permits:

- Mobile tattooing
- Temporary events

Types of permits and registrations

Body Art Facility Owners

- Body Art facility permit fee
- Body Art registration (owner/manager) fee to perform body art

Other Artists In Body Art Facility

- Each artist must be registered to perform body art

Permits/registration must be renewed annually and posted on-site.

Permit application process

All of the following must be submitted prior to permit approval

- Application for Permit to Operate (EMD)
- Hepatitis B declination and Bloodborne Pathogen Certificate
- Permit and/or Registration Fees
- Infection Prevention Control Plan (IPCP)
- Sharps Disposal Contract
- Plans (required for new or remodeled facilities)

Plan Review

Plan review is required for facilities that have not been previously permitted or are going to be remodeled. → See EMD handouts for more information

Information that is required for plan review:

- Digital or hand drawn shop layout of the following : Waiting area, procedure area(s), hand sink, decontamination area (when used), front counter, lighting, storage area and restrooms.
- List of finishes
- Plans showing hot/cold water at all handsinks

Plan review fees:

Visit our website for updated fee schedule



Inspections

An inspector from EMD may conduct an inspection anytime the facility is open.

- Inspections are conducted annually
- Facility is inspected for compliance with the Safe Body Art Act
- IPCP and other documents reviewed
- Compliant facilities receive green pass placards

The owner of a body art facility is required to have a valid Body Art permit and is responsible for ensuring that all practitioners comply with the requirements of the Safe Body Art Act.

Note: Inspectors may also conduct inspections related to complaints



Questions?



Contacts and Additional Resources

Contact EMD:

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EMD Website

- <https://emd.saccounty.gov/EH/Pages/BodyArt.aspx>

Safe Body Art Act

- <https://emd.saccounty.gov/EH/Documents/AB300CaliforniaSafeBodyArtAct.pdf>
- <https://emd.saccounty.gov/EH/Pages/BodyArtApplications.aspx>

Think Before You Ink

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EF1yqK4t60>