

**Rockland County Sanitary Code**

- 16.6.8.7 The skin of the practitioner or guest practitioner shall be free of rash or infection. No practitioner or guest practitioner experiencing symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, fever, rash, productive cough, jaundice or affected with draining or open skin infections such as boils, impetigo, scabies, infected wounds, open sores, abrasions or weeping dermatological lesions or acute respiratory infection shall work in any area of a body art establishment in any capacity in which there is a likelihood that that person could contaminate body art equipment, supplies or working surfaces with body substances or pathogenic organisms. (\*Amended 6/16/10.)
- 16.6.8.8 The Commissioner may require any practitioner or guest practitioner found to have any communicable disease or suspected of having such a disease, as designated in 10 NYCRR 2, to obtain a certificate signed by a duly licensed physician stating that the person has recovered from and is no longer infectious or is free from a communicable disease before permission to resume operation as a practitioner is granted. Said certificate shall be available for inspection by the Commissioner. (\*Revised 6/16/10.)
- 16.6.8.9 Any item or instrument used for body art that is contaminated during the procedure shall be discarded and replaced immediately with a new disposable item or a new sterilized instrument or item before the procedure resumes.
- 16.6.8.10 Preparation and care of a client's skin area must comply with the following:
- 16.6.8.10.1 Any skin or mucosa surface to receive a body art procedure shall be free of rash or any visible infection.
- 16.6.8.10.2 Before a body art procedure is performed, the immediate skin area and the areas of skin surrounding where body art procedure is to be placed shall be washed with soap and water or an approved surgical skin preparation. If shaving is necessary, single-use disposable razors or safety razors with single-service blades shall be used. Blades shall be discarded after each use, and reusable holders shall be cleaned and autoclaved after use. Following shaving, the skin and surrounding area shall be washed with soap and water. The washing pad shall be discarded after a single use.
- 16.6.8.10.3 In the event of bleeding, all products used to stop the bleeding or to absorb blood shall be single-use, and discarded immediately after use in appropriate covered containers and disposed of in accordance with 10 NYCRR 70-1.3.

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16.6.8.10.4 Before placing the design on the client's skin, the practitioner or guest practitioner shall treat the skin area with an EPA approved or hospital grade germicidal solution, which shall be applied with sterile cotton or sterile gauze. Only sterile petroleum jelly (petrolatum) shall be applied to the area to be tattooed and only from single-use, collapsible metal or plastic tubes. The application may be spread by the use of sterile gauze or other sterile applicator but not directly with the fingers. (\*Amended 6/16/10.)

16.6.8.10.5 Petroleum jellies, soaps and other products used in the application of stencils shall be dispensed and applied on the area to receive a body art procedure with sterile gauze or other sterile applicator to prevent contamination of the original container and its contents. The applicator or gauze shall be used once and then discarded.

16.6.8.11 The practitioner or guest practitioner shall provide each client with verbal and written instructions on the aftercare of the body art site. Said aftercare instructions shall be approved by the Commissioner. A copy of the aftercare instructions shall be provided to the client. The written instructions shall advise the client: (\*Amended 6/16/10.)

16.6.8.11.1 of the proper cleansing of the area, which received the body art;

16.6.8.11.2 that a completed tattoo shall be washed with a piece of sterile gauze or sterile cotton saturated with an EPA approved or hospital grade germicidal solution from a single-use container. It shall be allowed to air dry. After drying, an anti-bacterial ointment shall be applied to the tattoo and the entire area covered with material appropriate to prevent contamination;

16.6.8.11.3 to consult a health care provider for:

- (a) unexpected redness, tenderness or swelling at the site of the body art procedure;
- (b) any rash;
- (c) unexpected drainage at or from the site of the body art procedure; or
- (d) a fever within two (2) hours of the body art procedure; and

16.6.8.11.4 of the name, address and telephone number of the body art establishment.

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16.6.8.11.5 contaminated waste shall be stored, treated and disposed in accordance with 10 NYCRR 70-1.3 and 70-1.4.

**16.6.9 Body Art Establishment Permit (\*Revised 6/16/10.)**

16.6.9.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a body art establishment in Rockland County unless such person possesses a valid Permit to Operate a Body Art Establishment issued by the Commissioner, pursuant to this Article.

16.6.9.2 An establishment permit shall be valid from the date of issuance and shall automatically expire no longer than one (1) year from the date of issuance unless revoked sooner by the Commissioner.

16.6.9.3 Application for a Body Art Establishment Permit shall be made, at least thirty (30) days before the first day of intended operation, on a form prescribed by and available from the Commissioner. An applicant shall submit all information required by the form and accompanying instructions. The term "application" as used herein shall include the original and renewal applications. (\*Amended 6/16/10.)

16.6.9.4 The Commissioner shall require that the applicant provide, at a minimum, the following information in order to be issued a body art establishment permit:

16.6.9.4.1 name, address and telephone number of:

(a) the establishment;

(b) the operator of the establishment; and

(c) the practitioner(s) working at the establishment;

16.6.9.4.2 the manufacturer, model number, model year and serial number, where applicable, of the autoclave used in the establishment;

16.6.9.4.3 a signed and dated acknowledgement that the applicant has received, read and understood the requirements of the Rockland County Sanitary Code, Article XVI, Body Art; a drawing of the floor plan of the proposed establishment to scale for a plan review by the Commissioner, as part of the permit application process; and

16.6.9.4.4 such additional information as the Commissioner may reasonably require.

16.6.9.5 A permit for a body art establishment shall not be transferable from one place or person to another.