

BODY ART GUIDELINES
INYO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT.
STERILIZATION, SANITATION, AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR
TATTOOING, PERMANENT COSMETICS AND BODY PIERCING

Pursuant to AB 186

I. Definitions

The following terms contained in this document shall have the following meaning:

- (a) **APPROVED** means acceptable to the Director of the Environmental Health Services Department.
- (b) **ARTICLE** means any appliance, instrument, container, applicator, cosmetic dye, dressing, or thing used in connection with a business.
- (c) **BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS** means pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- (d) **BLOOD EXPOSURE INCIDENT** means piercing the skin through such events as needlesticks, cuts, and abrasions from material contaminated with blood from a client, or eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, or non-intact skin contact with blood or blood-contaminated material from a client.
- (e) **BODY ART** means the practice of physical adornment including, but not limited to, the following techniques: body piercing, tattooing, or application of permanent cosmetics.
- (f) **BODY PIERCING** means the creation of an opening in the human body for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration. This includes but is not limited to, piercing of an ear, lip, tongue, nose or eyebrow. Body piercing does not, for the purpose of these standards, include piercing the leading edge or earlobe of the ear with a sterile, disposable, single-use stud or solid needle that is applied using a mechanical device to force the needle or stud through the ear.
- (g) **BODY PIERCER** means any person who is registered by the Department to perform body piercing.
- (h) **CONTAMINATED** means the presence or reasonably anticipated presence of blood, body fluid or other potentially infectious materials in or on the surface of an item.
- (i) **CONTAMINATED WASTE** means any contaminated material used in tattooing, permanent cosmetics or body piercing that is to be disposed of.
- (j) **DEPARTMENT** means Inyo County Environmental Health Services Department.
- (k) **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** means the Director of Environmental