



BODY ART & PIERCING 2022 UPDATED REGULATIONS

On March 24, 2022, The Southern Nevada Health District's Board of Health approved the proposed Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Body Art Establishments. These new regulations combine the previously separated piercing and tattoo regulations.

Below are some highlights of the new regulation that will come into effect starting July 1, 2022:

- Sterilizers must be tested monthly using a spore test. (Sec. 3)
- A class V or VI chemical indicator must be placed into each sterile pack to indicate that the sterilization cycle was effective. (Sec. 4)
- A responsible person must always be on-site. The responsible person will be the person who will make sure that the body art establishment and artists meet the regulations. They will also be the person who interacts with the Health District representative during an inspection. (Sec. 5)
- Completed consent forms must be kept organized, filed by month and year, and be kept at the establishment for no less than two years. These forms can either be filed in paper form or stored electronically, available for immediate review upon the request of the Health District. (Sec. 6.2-6.5)
- The required public notices that need to be posted within public view inside the establishment have some changes. (Sections 5 and 10)
- Microblading is defined and limited to the face only. Work on other parts of body will be considered body art. (Sec 1.25)
- Separate body art cards can be issued for microblading artists and body artists dependent upon the apprenticeship.
- A new mentor card is available and will allow artists to have apprentices. A mentor must have either have four years of experience or a valid body art card issued to them before July 1, 2022. (Sec. 8)
- Apprentices will be linked to a body artist who holds a mentor body art card. (Sec. 8)
 - Any tattoo artist, permanent makeup artist or piercer mentor may have up to five apprentices.
 - A microblader mentor may have up to 15 apprentices.
- All jewelry used for the initial piercing must be commercially sourced or meet ASTM standards. (Sec.7)





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Any current permit holder will not need to change or add to their existing establishment to meet the new structural requirements of this regulation unless they undergo either a major remodel of their facility or undergo a change of permit holder. These new regulatory structural requirements include the following:

- The dimensions of workstations can be no less than 80 square feet with at least one workstation able to be screened from public view. (Sec. 3)
- Up to four workstations can share one hand sink, provided that the hand sink is within 15 feet from any workstation. (Sec. 3)
- Hand sinks must be no smaller than 10 inches by 10 inches by 8 inches deep. (Sec. 3)
- Hand sink must be permanently plumbed with a supply of cold water and hot water (90-120°F). The hand sink must be stocked with liquid dispensed soap and disposable paper towels. (Sec. 3)
- Facilities that require a sterilizer must have a separate equipment processing room with an ultrasonic cleaner and a separate two-compartment sink to clean and process the equipment before running it through a sterilizer. This sink cannot be used for hand washing. (Sec. 3)

Above are only highlights of the new regulation. All shop owners and artists should read the new regulation so that they understand what is



required. The new regulations can be found on the Health District website using the following link: www.snhd.info/bodyartregs. Applicants for new health permits should be familiar with the new regulation prior to making an appointment with the Health District's Plan Review Office.

In the coming months additional information will be distributed by the Health District about these new regulations, including steps on how to get a mentor body art card, new procedures for getting an apprentice card and information about what needs to be publicly posted inside a body art establishment. The Health District will hold meetings in June and July to discuss the new items that the Health District inspectors will be looking for during the health inspections.

If you have any questions about these highlights, call (702) 759-0677 to leave a message. An inspector will return your call or you can send an e-mail with your question to bodyart@snhd.org.