



Public Health
Environmental Health Services

BODY ART PRACTITIONER PACKET

- Complete Application for Body Art Practitioner ([for application click here](#))
 - Meet hepatitis B requirements in one of the following ways:
 - A. Provide evidence of current hepatitis B vaccination (including boosters) **OR**
 - B. Comply with current Federal OSHA hepatitis B vaccination declination requirement **OR**
 - C. Demonstrate hepatitis B immunity
 - Provide evidence of completion of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Training (trainers must be approved by the County of San Bernardino)
 - Provide valid photo identification (must be at least 18 years of age) for first-time registrants
 - Provide signature on application verifying self-certification of, knowledge of, and commitment to meet state law and relevant local regulations pertaining to body art safety
 - Pay applicable fee for body art registration
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A valid and current registration issued by the Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) shall be valid in any other jurisdiction for no more than five consecutive days, or 15 days total, in any one calendar year.

A practitioner may, in the local jurisdiction of registration, practice in a temporary demonstration booth for no more than 7 days in a 90-day period.

A practitioner shall display a certificate confirming registration with the local enforcement agency. The Certificate of Registration shall be visible to the public at the body art facility where the practitioner is performing body art.

A body art practitioner shall:

- Maintain a valid practitioner registration
- Use proper hygiene before performing body art
- Answer questions regarding the procedure site
- Provide post-procedure instructions
- Properly discard sharps waste
- Properly clean, sanitize, and protect instruments and equipment
- Maintain a clean and sanitary environment
- Comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding safe body art

Practitioner registration inspections (including charged inspections) may be conducted for the following actions:

- Practicing with expired registration or without current bloodborne pathogens exposure control training
- Using unsafe practices on client(s)
- Repeat violations

A body art practitioner practicing body art in violation of the Safe Body Art Act resulting in an imminent health hazard may have his/her registration suspended or revoked. The registrant has the right to request (in writing) a hearing to show cause why his/her registration should not be suspended or revoked. A failure to request a hearing within 15 calendar days after receipt of the notice shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.

HEPATITIS B IMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with OSHA requirements, employers must make hepatitis B vaccinations available at no cost to employees who have an occupational exposure to the hepatitis B virus (HBV). Body art practitioners are required to submit evidence of current hepatitis B immunity in conjunction with registration materials. This includes records of hepatitis B vaccinations and booster shots. If a practitioner declines to be vaccinated against HBV, he/she must submit a signed declination agreement from his/her employer. A sample declination statement is provided below.

Contact Occupational Safety & Health Administration (www.osha.gov) for additional information.

HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination for (employee's full name): _____

"I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me."

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Employee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employer's Name: _____

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