



## GET SMART ABOUT BODY ART

### What you should ask your tattoo artist:

- Where did you get your training to become a tattoo artist?**
  - Tattooing is not a regulated profession in Saskatchewan. It is the responsibility of the individual tattoo artist to ensure they learn safe and proper tattoo procedures.
- Is your tattoo studio regularly inspected by the Health Department?**
  - Tattoo studios are subject to regular inspections by the health department. Inspections help ensure that tattoo artists follow health department requirements to protect your health.
- How do you prepare the skin before tattooing?**
  - The skin should be prepared with an appropriate skin antiseptic such as 70% isopropyl alcohol.
- How are work areas disinfected after clients?**
  - Disinfectants must be used to help destroy harmful germs.
- Do you provide written and verbal instructions on how to care for my tattoo?**
  - Verbal and written care instructions must be provided after the tattoo procedure

For questions or concerns, please contact your local Public Health Inspector at:

306-425-8512 or

[healthinspectors@pophealthnorthsask.ca](mailto:healthinspectors@pophealthnorthsask.ca)

### Things to look for at the tattoo studio:

- Does the tattoo studio appear to be clean, well-organized and have good lighting?**

Ask yourself:

  - *Are you comfortable with the cleanliness of the studio?*
  - *Is the studio cluttered with items that look like they don't belong?*
  - *Do you think there is enough lighting for the tattoo artist to see clearly?*
- Does the studio have proper sinks for handwashing and cleaning?**
  - Hot and cold running water must be available.
  - Liquid soap and single use towels must be available.
  - Different sinks should be used for handwashing and cleaning.
- Does the tattoo artist practice good hygiene?**
- Are tattoo needles pre-packaged and single use or reused?**
  - If needles are single use, check to see that they are opened in front of you. If needles are reused, they must be sterilized between clients.
- Are razors, needles and gloves used for the application of tattoos discarded after use?**
- Are inks and creams for tattoo application dispensed into disposable containers?**
  - Clean single-use applicators must be used to dispense all inks and creams.
- Are items that cannot be easily disinfected (i.e. tattoo machine, clip cord, spray bottles, etc.) covered with single use plastic covers?**
  - Plastic covers must be changed after every client.