



Body Art Equipment Cleaning, Disinfecting & Sterilising Schedule

Environmental Health Guide

It is important to keep accurate records of every body piercing and body art procedure for each client. Accurate and detailed records are valuable to the body artist if there is any infection or possibility of a blood-borne virus transmission with the client.

| Equipment | Reason | When | How |
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| Single-use razors | Potential for skin infections or blood-borne virus transmission | After each client | Dispose of it into a sharps container |
| Single-use needles | Potential for skin infections of blood-borne virus transmissions | After each client | Dispose of it into a sharps container |
| Single-use rubber bands | Potential for skin infections of blood-borne virus transmissions | After each client | Dispose of into clinical and related waste container |
| Reusable instruments jewellery (such as needle bar and tube, clamps, ring closers, and receiving tubes). Tattoo gun | Potential for skin infections of blood-borne virus transmissions | After each client | Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint-free cloth. Package with a chemical indicator and seal. Sterilise. |
| Shaving Brushes (if used) | Risk of infection if previous client has skin lesions or infection | After each client | Rinse free of hair and shaving cream. Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot water running water. Dry thoroughly. |
| Non-immersible equipment Electrical items | Potential for infection | After each client | Wipe over with cloth dampened in warm water and detergent. Rinse by wiping with cloth dampened in hot water. Dry thoroughly. Wipe over with cloth dampened with 70% alcohol solution and allow to dry |
| Clippers | Potential for infection/infestation | After each client | Use lint-free cloth to remove hair. Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry with lint-free cloth |



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| Single-use ink Wells/caps | Potential for infection | After each client | Dispose of into a clinical and related waste container |
| Single-use applicators | Potential for infection | After each client | Dispose of into a clinical and related waste container |
| Single-use skin markers | Potential for infection | After each client | Dispose of into a clinical and related waste container |
| Bottles/sprays/pump Dispensers: Liquid soap, water, lotions, creams, gels. | Potential for contamination | When empty | Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot running water. Dry thoroughly with lint-free cloth before refilling |
| Dye mixing bowls. Shaving bowls | Potential for contamination | After each client | Wash in warm water and detergent. Rinse in hot water. Dry with lint free cloth |
| Equipment trolley | Prevention of dust from accumulating and contaminating clean equipment trolley | Weekly | Use damp cloth to remove dust. Wash with warm water and detergent. Dry thoroughly with cloth before refilling |

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