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The following is a list of policies and standards for 805 ink related to tattoo and body piercing. We reserve the right to refuse tattooing or piercing services to anyone at any time.

### **Identification Requirements**

In order to receive a tattoo or piercing at 805 ink, you must present one of the following VALID (not expired) forms of identification:

- State-issued driver's license or state-issued identification card
- Resident alien card
- Military identification card
- Passport

### **Age Requirements For Tattoos**

To receive a tattoo at 805 ink you must be at least 18 years old. We do not offer tattooing services to minors, even when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. 805 ink will not make any exceptions to this policy as California Penal Code section 653 prohibits the tattooing of minors.

### **Age Requirements For Body Piercing**

To receive a piercing at 805 ink you must be at least 18 years old. We do offer some piercing services to minors, when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please see the Minors section for more detailed information.

### **Piercing Minors**

805 ink offers a wide variety of piercing services to minors. The establish policies below regarding minors are design to protect minors, their parents and 805 ink. We strongly encourage minors and their parents to stop into the studio and speak with one of our piercers. This will allow us to go over all details of the procedure and answer any questions you may have.

- We do not do any piercing, with the exceptions of earlobes, on anyone under the age of 14.
- We do not do the following piercing on anyone under the age of 18:
  - Nipple
  - Genital
  - Surface
  - Earlobes larger than 10 gauge
- We require that all piercees be drug and alcohol free, and request that they have eaten a meal at least four (4) hours prior to a piercing.
- Without exception, a parent or legal guardian must be present with the minor to sign the release form.
- Each party must have a valid photo ID. If the parent's last name is different from the minor's there must be legal documentation to prove the relationship (Birth Certificate, Divorce papers, Adoption papers, Marriage Certificate, Change of names forms).
- Court papers are required to prove a relationship with a legal guardian.
- We need the ID every time you need any procedure performed, even if you have shown it on a prior occasion.
- We will not pierce children under the age of 14.

- Stepparents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, or friends CANNOT sign for minors without legal guardianship documentation!!

### **Drugs and Alcohol**

It is against State regulations, as well as unethical, to do a tattoo or piercing on anyone obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The tattoo artists, piercers, and members of the management team, at 805 ink reserve the right to refuse service to anyone they believe, or suspect, is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

You wouldn't want our tattoo artists or piercers to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while doing your tattoo or piercing, so we expect the same from you.

Please understand this is for your safety as well as the safety of our tattoo artists and piercers.

### **Sterilization And Infection Control**

One of the most important aspects of receiving a tattoo or body piercing is the cleanliness of the procedure. When tattoos or body piercing are not performed in a clean, safe environment, the potential exists for spreading infectious diseases. The tattoo artists and piercers at 805 ink adhere to strict standards for sterilization of their equipment. These standards help ensure the tattoo or body piercing you receive is both safe and attractive. Most of the supplies used for a tattoo or body piercing are single-use and disposable, meaning they are brand-new when used on you and then disposed of immediately, never to be re-used on anyone else. This includes, most importantly, the needles for piercing and tattooing and needle bars used to perform the tattoo. No needles are ever re-used!

All needles and needle bars are sterilized before being used to ensure they are as clean as possible. Once the tattoo is completed, the needles and needle bar are disposed of in a Sharps container in piercing you will see the piercer open a sterilization pouch containing the needle, although they won't make you look at the needle if you don't want to. Once the piercing is completed, you will see the piercer dispose of the needle in a Sharps container, so that you know the needle used on you will never be used on anyone else, and vice versa.

All inks used for tattooing are used in a single-use fashion. Before the tattoo begins, the tattoo artist will place small amounts of tattoo ink into disposable plastic caps. These ink caps and the remaining ink are disposed of immediately after the tattoo. This prevents contamination of the larger ink containers, thereby preventing the spread of infectious diseases.

There are a few pieces of equipment that may need to be reused. Any equipment that needs to be re-used is first disinfected using a high-level liquid disinfectant. The equipment is then processed in an ultrasonic-cleaner which removes any microscopic debris that may be on the equipment. Once this is complete, the equipment is placed in a sterilization pouch and processed in a steam autoclave sterilizer. Steam autoclaves are the same devices used by hospitals and dentists to sterilize their equipment.

Autoclave sterilization is the ONLY way to ensure that all re-usable equipment is free of disease-causing organisms. Once a month, we conduct a spore test on our autoclaves to ensure it is functioning appropriately. A spore test is a biological monitoring test performed by an independent lab which verifies our autoclaves are destroying all microorganisms, including bacterial spores.

Disinfection of the tattoo and piercing rooms and work surfaces are additional steps step we utilize to make your tattoo or body piercing a safe as possible. All surfaces in the tattoo or piercing rooms that could potentially become contaminated, are disinfected between each client, using a high-level disinfectant.