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Tuscarawas County  
Health Department


## How to Obtain a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License



Ohio Revised Code Section 3730.02: “No person shall operate a business that offers tattooing or body piercing services unless a board of health has approved the business under section 3730.03 of the Revised Code”



Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-09-02: “Persons seeking approval to operate a business offering body art services shall apply to the board of health of the city or general health district in which the business is located, on forms the board shall prescribe and provide. The applicant shall submit all applicable fees and information the board of health determines necessary to process the application.”

Tuscarawas County Health Department requires the following list of items to be submitted with a signed application for a tattoo and/or body piercing operating license along with the appropriate fee:

1. A floor plan drawing (to scale) showing the total area of the business, the area used for tattooing/piercing services, location of entrances and exits, hand washing sinks, restroom facilities, storage areas, sterilization area and lighting plans, number and types of plumbing fixtures including all water supply facilities.
2. A description of the materials used for the flooring, walls, countertops, and storage areas
3. A list of all equipment
4. Written verification of zoning authority to use building for business
5. Provide proof that all persons performing tattooing or body piercing have received training in the following:
  - a. First aid
  - b. Safety and sanitation requirements for the prevention of disease transmission
  - c. Universal precautions for bloodborne pathogens
  - d. Appropriate tattoo and piercing aftercare

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6. Written infection prevention and control plan that includes:
  - a. Decontamination and disinfecting environmental surfaces
  - b. Decontaminating, packaging, sterilizing, and storing reusable equipment and instruments
  - c. Protecting clean instruments and sterile instruments from contamination during storage
  - d. Ensuring that standard precautions and aseptic techniques are utilized during all body art procedures
  - e. Safe handling and disposal of needles
  - f. Aftercare guidelines
7. For tattooing services provide clients a written consent form that include the color, manufacturer, and lot number of each pigment used for each tattoo performed.
8. Sterilization log that includes date, time, name of operator
9. Minor consent forms to be used (if applicable)
10. Check made payable to Tuscarawas County Health Department for the amount of the license fee

The Tuscarawas County Health Department will review the application and information submitted. After the application is reviewed, any deficiencies will be noted and the applicant will be notified to make any necessary corrections.

Upon approval of the submitted information, a representative from the Tuscarawas County Health Department will perform an inspection of the establishment. If the establishment is found to be in compliance with OAC 3701-9 a permit to operate will be issued. Failure to meet any of the above outlined requirements will result in disapproval of the application. Permits must be renewed on an annual basis by December 31st of each calendar year to avoid a 25% late fee. If you have any questions please contact the Environmental Department at (330) 343-5550.