

# Patron Rights

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## INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE GETTING A TATTOO OR BODY PIERCING

### *Each patron has a right to expect that:*

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- Clean disposable gloves are worn at all times while tattooing or body piercing.
- Hands are washed with soap and running water immediately before putting on clean gloves and immediately after removing gloves.
- Hands will be dried with single-use towels.
- When the area to be tattooed is shaved, the razor is disposed of after each use.
- All needles and any instrument that may touch the needles used for tattooing or body piercing (except piercing guns) are sterile.
- A piercing gun is cleaned and properly disinfected after each use.
- Single-use containers are used for each dye.
- A tattoo or body piercing will not be given in living areas or in a room next to a living area.
- No animals, except dogs for the blind, animals for people requiring assistance, and patrol dogs, are allowed in the same area of tattoo or body piercing work.
- Eating, drinking, smoking, or using make-up are not allowed in the same work area of a tattoo artist or body piercer.
- After each person's tattooing or body piercing is completed, the working area is cleaned with an approved cleaner.
- The person who is giving the tattoo or body piercing should not be sick. Tattoo artist or body piercers with diarrhea, vomiting, fever over 100 degrees, rash, coughing, jaundice, or drainage from an open wound may not do tattooing or body piercing.

*If you would like to register a complaint, call the Hendricks County Health Department at (317)745-9217*