

Bye-laws requirements

Premises

- All surfaces in any part of the premises used by clients must be kept clean and in good repair
- All furniture and fittings in the treatment area must be kept clean and in good repair
- Tables, couches, seats etc used in the treatment area must have a smooth impervious surface which is regularly wiped down with disinfectant and covered by a disposable paper sheet, changed after each client
- A 'No Smoking' sign must be prominently displayed.
- Any overall worn by the operative should be clean and in good repair
- Any operative's hands and nails must be kept clean
- Any open cut, wound, sore or boil must be suitably covered by an impermeable dressing
- The operative should not smoke or drink in the treatment area
- The operative should have sole use of the washing facilities which must provide hot and cold running water, soap (or a similar cleanser) and a nail brush

Equipment

- Any needle, metal instrument or other item of equipment used in the treatment must be in a sterile condition and kept sterile until it is used
- If pre-sterilised items are not used then adequate facilities must be provided for the purpose of sterilisation
- If tattooing is being undertaken, then all dyes used must be bacteriologically clean and inert. The containers used to hold dyes for each customer must be disposed of at the end of each treatment or sterilised before re-use

General

- It is an offence to tattoo any person under the age of 18 years (the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969) regardless of parental consent
- A person under the age of 18 years may receive body piercing provided that you have received written permission from, or the treatment is performed in the presence of, the person's parent or guardian
- Nipple and genital piercing is prohibited on minors, regardless of parental consent
- The health of the client and the suitability of the treatment should be discussed prior to its administration