

B E F O R E Y O U G E T A T A T T O O

DO YOUR RESEARCH

You must be at least 18 years old to get a tattoo, and have identification to prove your age.

If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must be present for ALL body art procedures.

THINK BEFORE YOU INK

Tattoos are not easy to remove. The most common methods are:

- **Surgical Removal** (skin grafting)
- **Dermabrasion** (freezing and sanding)
- **Salabrasion** (applying an irritant)
- **Laser Treatment** (breaking pigments)

All procedures take time to heal and cost 3 to 10 times more than the original tattoo.

Getting a tattoo puts you at higher risk of contracting life-altering diseases like **Hepatitis B, C or HIV**.

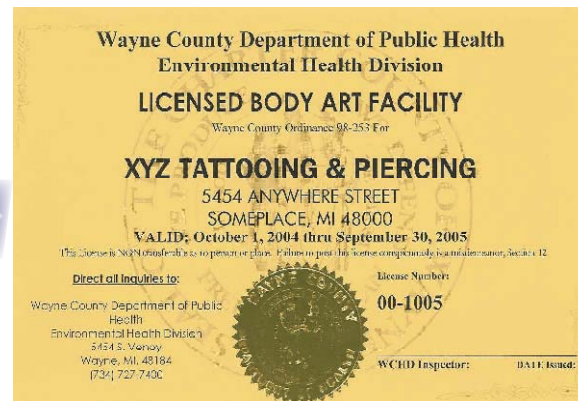
If you're not sure, try a temporary tattoo!

USE A LICENSED FACILITY

The Wayne County Department of Public Health regulates all Body Art Facilities and inspects each facility every year.

Not all Body Art establishments are the same. You should take the time to visit several places before you decide.

Always look for a Wayne County Department of Public Health BODY ART FACILITY License.



The license should be posted near the front entrance. If you don't see a license, ASK!

Licensed establishments are required to provide a safe and clean environment.

Operators must have knowledge of bloodborne diseases (Hepatitis and HIV), infection prevention, proper sterilization practices, general anatomy, and be able to easily recognize various skin disorders.

ASK THESE QUESTIONS

Before you make a final decision, ask the artist these questions. Every answer should be YES.

- ◇ Do you have a Wayne County Body Art Facility License on display?
- ◇ Do you sterilize your equipment in an autoclave?
- ◇ Is the autoclave room clean, organized, and separated from other equipment?
- ◇ Do you require parental permission and presence for anyone under the age of 18?
- ◇ Do you have written information describing the risks involved?
- ◇ Do you clearly explain the process and offer complete after-care information?
- ◇ Do you wash your hands BEFORE putting clean gloves on?
- ◇ Do you use sterile equipment that is sealed in dated autoclave bags and opened for my procedure only?
- ◇ Do you have a RED BIOHAZARD sharps container in the room?

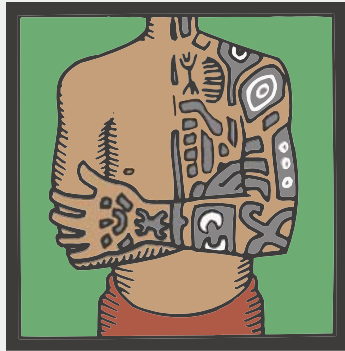
CHECK OUT THE ARTIST

Know who is doing your tattoo.

Always see their work before you begin.

Professional artists have portfolios available for review.

Each artist is an INDIVIDUAL and they have their own style and skill level.



PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

WILL NOT work out of their house or car or at a "friend's" party.

WILL NOT Smoke or Drink while they are working with you.

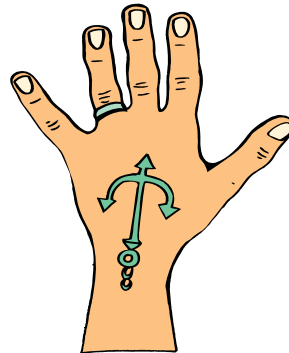
WILL NOT re-use their needles.

WILL answer ALL of your questions.

REMEMBER: TATTOOS ARE A LIFETIME COMMITMENT

TATTOO EQUIPMENT CAN PUNCTURE THE SKIN 3,000 TIMES A MINUTE.

EVERY PUNCTURE IS AN OPEN DOOR TO A POSSIBLE BLOODBORNE DISEASE



If you still have questions or would like more information, call

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**BODY ART
Wayne County Ordinance for Body Art Establishments No. 98-253**

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