



Want to open a Body Art Facility or Become a Registered Practitioner?

A Body Art Facility is defined as a specified building, section of a building, or vehicle in which a practitioner performs or demonstrates for the purpose of instruction, body art, including reception areas, the procedure area, and the decontamination and sterilization area. "Body art facility" does not include a facility that only pierces the ear with a disposable, single-use, presterilized clasp and stud or solid needle that is applied using a mechanical device to force the needle or stud through the ear.

Body Art is defined as body piercing, tattooing, branding, or application of permanent cosmetics.

Practitioner means a person who performs body art on a client.

To operate a Body Art Facility, the following steps are required:

- **Complete Plan Check process:** (Initial review can take up to 20 working days)
 - Submit plan check application and fees
 - Attach:
 - Site plan of facility, birds eye view, including restroom, hand sinks, equipment location
 - Copy of consent and aftercare forms (verbiage must be verbatim to code, see section 119303(a)(b) in the Safe Body Art Act (SBAA)
 - Complete and provide the last 2 pages of plan check guidelines
 - Copy of Infection Prevention Control Plan (IPCP)
 - Medical Waste disposal contract
 - If using presterilized single use instruments, provide:
 - Written proof on company or laboratory letterhead showing that the presterilized instruments have undergone a sterilization process. Written proof shall clearly identify the instruments sterilized by name or item number and shall identify the lot or batch number of the sterilizer run.
 - Once all the above paperwork is submitted and approved, schedule the initial inspection of the facility. Additional fees may be applied if the review of forms exceeds three reviews.
- **Apply for Body Art Facility Permit**
 - Submit completed application and pay fees
- **Become a Registered Body Art Practitioner**
 - Submit application and fees
 - Attach:
 - Hepatitis B status (current hepatitis B vaccination, including applicable boosters, unless the practitioner can demonstrate hepatitis B immunity or has complied with current federal OSHA hepatitis B vaccination declination requirements)
 - Current Bloodborne pathogen certification (see 119307 of SBAA)
 - Identification showing 18 years or older

A link to the website is listed below where you can access the Safe Body Art Act and all the required forms and templates listed above.

<https://www.buttecounty.net/763/Body-Art-Program>

Please note, all permits and registrations expire each year on June 30th