

# BEFORE Getting a Tattoo or Body Piercing



Indiana State  
Department of Health

## Know Your **PATRON RIGHTS**

### *Each patron has a right:*

- To have clean, disposable gloves worn at all times while tattooing or body piercing
- To have practitioners' hands washed with soap and running water immediately before and after glove use and hands dried with single use towels
- To have single-use disposable razors used for shaving the area to be tattooed
- To have single-use razors properly disposed of immediately after use.
- To have single use, sterile needles used for tattooing or body piercing
- To have the piercing gun cleaned and properly disinfected after each use
- To have single-use containers used for each dye
- To have tattooing or body piercing provided in a space that is not a living area or in a room next to a living area
- To have no animals present in the same area as tattooing or body piercing work **except** in the case of service animals or patrol dogs
- To have no eating, drinking, smoking or using makeup in the same work area as the tattoo artist or body piercer
- To have the working area cleaned with an approved cleanser after each customer's work is completed
- To have a tattoo artist or body piercer who is in good health. Tattoo artists or body piercers with diarrhea, vomiting, fever over 100 degrees, rash, coughing, jaundice (yellow skin), or drainage from an open wound may **NOT provide** tattooing or body piercing services

If you would like to register a complaint, call your local county health department or the Tattoo Coordinator at the Indiana State Department of Health, at 317-234-2804.