

TATTOOING AND MICROPIGMENTATION

SPA AND SALON SAFETY CHECKLIST



- The spa/salon is inspected by York Region Public Health
- A green Proof of Public Health Inspection sign is posted at the spa/salon
- The service provider is knowledgeable and experienced in the service they are providing
- The service provider washes their hands before and after each service
- The service provider cleans the area of skin with a skin antiseptic before the service begins
- The service provider checks the client's skin for open cuts, wounds, and signs of infection. If found, service is refused
- The service provider applies skin antiseptic from a single-use packet or onto a cotton swab/cotton ball and then onto the skin
- The service provider wears disposable gloves on both hands during the service and cleans hands immediately after taking off gloves
- The service provider sets up supplies and opens packaged equipment in front of the client just before the service begins. This includes sterilized tools and sterile single-use equipment, which must be used on one person only
- Needles are not saved for reuse on the same client
- The following list of items are used on one client only, then thrown away
 - Clip cord sleeves
 - Elastic bands
 - Lubricant applicators
 - Marking pens
 - Needle cartridges
 - Numbing cream
 - Ointment applicators
 - Plastic covers
 - Razors
 - Single-use grips
 - Single-use ink caps
 - Single-use personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, gowns, eye protection)
 - Single-use rinse cups
 - Stencils
 - Tattoo needles
 - Wipes, tissues, and dental bibs



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- The following list of items are cleaned and disinfected between each client
 - If the tattoo machine pen or device has an attached cord, the cord must be covered with single-use disposable clip cords sleeve. After service, the machine and cord should be disinfected
 - Metal ink caps
 - Rigid containers used to hold dirty equipment until reprocessing (at end of day)
 - Service trays
 - Squeeze bottles
 - Tables, chairs, beds
 - The tattoo machine pen and other parts such as clip cord, control/power switch
- Tools and supplies are stored in a clean area (e.g., in covered containers)
- The tattoo machine pen is covered with a single-use disposable grip tape wrap
- The tattoo machine pen or micropigmentation or device's electrical cord is covered with single-use disposable clip cords sleeve/plastic sheath
- Tattoo needles must be sterile, with lot numbers and expiry dates
- Equipment and surfaces used are in good repair (e.g., no rust, cracks, etc.)
- Ink caps for pigment are cleaned and disinfected prior to use
- Tattoo ink should be diluted using distilled water or sterile saline solution. The tattoo artist must never use tap water to dilute the ink
- Leftover pigment ink, petroleum jelly and other items dispensed during the tattooing/micropigmentation procedure are to be discarded and are not to be reused
- The service provider must provide verbal and written aftercare instructions including infection risks and a recommendation to see a doctor within 24 hours should an infection occur
- Use single-use dressings (intended for wounds) after a service, such as sterile gauze and medical tape. Sterile dressings from sealed packages are preferred
- Canadian Standards Association approved sharps container must be located close to where services are provided for safe disposal of the sharps
- Paper liners are thrown out after each use
- Products, such as creams and lotions should be dispensed with a pump or single-use applicator to prevent contamination of the original product (no double dipping or fingers in jars)

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