

Seattle Tattoo Expo Health and Safety Guidelines

To All Booth Holders: Please Read Thoroughly. There are some new items in here for those of you returning to the Expo.

In cooperation with Public Health – Seattle King County to ensure a safe and healthy tattoo convention for all participants, staff, volunteers, and the attending public these guidelines are required for participation in the event. These requirements are written in consideration of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 6.102, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-145, and federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration 29 CFR 1910.1030 “Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens”.

We are very fortunate to be working in conjunction with our local environmental health investigators. Please help us work within these guidelines to ensure that we may continue to sponsor our convention.

Individual booths that do not comply with Seattle Tattoo Expo Health and Safety Guidelines may be closed without any compensation or reimbursement of convention fees, travel expenses, or lost income. On Thursday and Friday during setup, a health check in crew will be available and will run a checklist, and get you set up for inspections. Every booth that will be tattooing and piercing must go through this check in to be able to open on Friday. Please don't hold us up by being late or by not having what you need.

Artist Requirements

1. All persons who have a reasonable anticipated risk for skin, eye, or mucous membrane contact with blood should comply with standard precautions/body substance isolation. All Artists tattooing or piercing **MUST** have current blood borne pathogen training as described in 29 CFR 1910.1030. Certificate should be no older than 2 years and you will be asked to show certificate at check-in. ***All body artists who will be working in your booth must show their individual certificate. One certificate will not cover the whole shop.***
2. Artists should not perform any tattoo or piercing procedures if they are ill or experiencing symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, jaundice, rash or open skin infections such as boils, impetigo, or scabies.
3. Artists must keep consent forms for each client. Additionally, all artists must provide aftercare instructions for each customer. ***Samples will be asked for at check in.***
4. Artists must wash their hands before and after taking any breaks. Additionally, artists must wash their hands, or use an approved hand-washing alternative between clients. ***Please show us your alcohol wipes or anti-microbial hand wipes at check in.***

Booth Requirements

1. Chairs and surfaces must be non-absorbent, water impervious, and easily cleaned. No cloth chairs should be used, and massage tables, and armrests must be properly covered with plastic barriers or medical grade, disposable drape sheets used one-time only.
2. Each booth is responsible for bringing their own cleaning and disinfecting supplies. These must be hospital grade, tuberculocidal, EPA-approved disinfectants. Each booth must bring enough cleaning and disinfecting supplies to last the entire day/convention. Hard surface disinfectants will be available for purchase from supply vendors. Make sure to follow kill-time as appropriate for your product.

3. Each artist or booth must have enough tools sterilized by autoclave and single use equipment to last the entire day/convention. **Also bring a current spore test (no more than 30 days old) and make sure all packages are properly dated within the time of the spore test.** If you use pre-sterilized disposable sharps and tubes make sure the expiration dates are valid. If you only use pre-sterilized equipment the spore test of your individual machine will not be required. Pre-sterilized, disposable sharps will be available from supply vendors. At check in we will ask to see gloves, razors, ink cups, paper towels, pens, rubber bands, rinse cups, clip chord covers, tattooing compound / tongue depressors etc... as single use equipment.

4. **Artists should bring enough sterilized sharps and tools to last for the duration of the convention. Facilities will NOT be provided for the processing of contaminated tools. Scrubbing, rinsing, autoclaving, or the use of ultrasonic cleaners will be prohibited from the convention site.**

5. Disposable sharps (tattoo or piercing needles, e.g.) or reusable sharps (tattoo tubes or piercing tools) containers must be clearly marked and stored where they are inaccessible to customers. Sharps must be disposed of in leak proof, rigid, puncture resistant containers. Disposable sharps containers will be provided. You must bring a biohazard/sealed container for your used tubes (unless you use disposable tubes), and show us at check in.

6. Food is prohibited in the booth. Artists may keep closed or lidded beverages at the front table. Only the individual being tattooed or pierced may have food or beverages near the procedural area.

7. Artists MUST use proper absorbent bandages! Many tattoo supply companies and all medical supply companies sell them. **Saran Wrap is NOT a bandage.** If we see clients in saran wrap we will rebandage them and give you a warning. *After several warnings you may be asked to leave the convention.* Keep your art safe from infections. Show it off at Tattoo of the Day.

General Requirements

1. Chairs and surfaces must be non-absorbent, water impervious, and easily cleaned.
2. The tattooing of minors is prohibited in Washington State, with or without parental consent.
3. Hand washing stations must be set up for each cluster of booths. (However the groupings of booths go) The hand wash must have warm water, soap and paper towels and be accessible to staff at all times. This must be a hands-free insulated container. These can be rented from the Seattle Center, or their contractor, Abbey Rents.
4. All persons such as volunteers and vendors who have a reasonable anticipated risk for skin, eye, or mucous membrane contact with blood must comply with standard precautions/body substance isolation.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Shop: _____

Date: _____