

Temporary Body Art/Tattoo Events

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Temporary Body Art Events

Q: Who needs a Body Art License in Hennepin County?

A: Every body art establishment or temporary event operating in Hennepin County (outside of cities with their own inspection departments) must be licensed by Hennepin County.

Q: Which cities are covered by Hennepin County's licensing authority?

A: Hennepin County regulates body art in most cities except for those with independent inspection departments (Minneapolis, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Edina, Minnetonka, New Hope, Richfield).

Q: How do I apply for a Temporary Body Art Event?

A: Apply as soon as you know the date(s) of the event and at least 7 business days before the event. Technicians must be currently licensed by Minnesota Department of Health and have a minimum of 200 hours of experience. Booths must meet strict sanitation, lighting, and space requirements. More information is available on our website www.hennepin.us/bodyart

Q: What are some key booth requirements?

- 45 square feet of procedure space per active technician
- Non-carpeted, cleanable surfaces
- Sufficient lighting: 100 foot-candles for procedure areas
- Only single-use equipment unless an approved sterilization process is in place
- Onsite handwashing and glove use required

Q: What client records must be maintained?

- Date and type of procedure
- Client ID info (with photo and DOB)
- Consent and medical release forms
- Technician's name and license number
- Records must be kept for the duration of the event and for 3 years.

Q: What are the restrictions for tattooing or piercing minors?

A: Minors may only be pierced (not tattooed) with written consent from both parents, provided in person. Nipple and genital procedures are prohibited on minors regardless of consent.

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Q: Once I receive my Temporary Event License, can I begin the event at the scheduled time?

A: Yes! Once you receive your Temporary Event License, you can start the scheduled time. An inspector will be on-site sometime during the event.

Q: Can I schedule a specific time for the inspection to occur?

A: No, your inspector may arrive at any time due to conflicting event timings throughout Hennepin County. Inspectors always set out to cause minimal disruption doing their work and keep this in mind throughout their workday. You may ask for a particular range of time (a.m. or p.m.), but it is at the discretion of the inspector.

Q: If I have a question during the weekend, how do I contact the inspector?

A: There is contact information on your Temporary Event License. Call the number (612-543-5200) on the license. No one will be available at the office on weekends, but the caller will be prompted to select from a variety of choices. Select the emergency prompt and you will be directed to the weekend inspector's mobile phone. Alternatively, you call the 24-hour line at 612-543-5217.

