

Body Art Events: Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Body Art Event?

A Body Art Event is a public gathering where body art practitioners perform body art (i.e. tattooing, body piercing and the application of permanent cosmetics).

Do I need a permit to perform body art at a body art event?

Yes. You are required to perform body art in a permitted temporary body art facility (booth). One person at each booth is required to obtain the permit and be responsible for the operation of the booth.

How do I get a temporary body art booth permit?

Complete an application for a temporary body art facility and submit with the following information for all body art practitioners: proof of registration; a Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Training certificate; and proof of Hepatitis B vaccination status. A temporary body art booth permit will not be issued until the event organizer has been approved. Please submit applications at least 30 days prior to the event.

Am I required to register as a practitioner in Los Angeles County?

Yes, all body art practitioners are required to register in Los Angeles County, unless they are registered in another California county and operate outside their county of registration for no more than 15 days.

Who provides the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Training?

County approved training providers offer the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Training. You may contact the Body Art Program for the list of approved training providers or go to our website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/> areas of interest - Body Art.

What are the fees?

The permit fee for the event promoter is \$1,640.00 and the permit fee for the booth operator is \$150.00. The registration fee for a body art practitioner is \$54.00.

Where do I submit the required documents and fees?

You may submit the event organizer and booth operator applications, proof of registration, Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control certification, and Hepatitis B vaccination status to the Body Art Program by mail or in person at our Administrative Headquarters located at 5050 Commerce Drive, Baldwin Park, CA 91706. You may pay fees by including a check or money order with your application, made payable to County of Los Angeles.

How long is the temporary body art permit valid?

A permit for a temporary body art facility is valid for up to 7 days in a 90-day period, or the duration of the event, whichever is shorter.

What are the requirements for a body art booth?

- Booths must be located within a building, with a partition at least 3 feet high to separate the procedure area from the public, equipped with adequate lighting and sharp waste containers.
- Booths must have a hand washing station equipped with water, liquid soap, single-use paper towels and a wastewater collection and holding tank.
- Practitioners must use pre-sterilized disposable equipment, unless the organizer provides a decontamination/sterilization area equipped with an ultrasonic cleaner and medical grade autoclave.

If you have any questions, call the Body Art Program at (626) 430-5570

