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Reinspection Criteria for Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments

A reinspection and reinspection fees will be required under the following conditions:

Category 1 – Imminent Hazards

Whenever an inspection or complaint investigation reveals the existence of a violation that is potentially hazardous to the health and safety of patrons or employees and the violation is not able to be corrected during the inspection or investigation. This requires the inspector to return to the establishment to verify that the violation has been corrected.

Category 2 – Repeat Violations

Repeat violations, even if they are corrected during the inspection process. Repeat violations that are documented over 3 consecutive routine or complaint inspections will result in a reinspection and reinspection fee.

Category 3 – Excessive Violations

Violations are of such an excessive nature that the potential exists for a hazard to occur. A reinspection and reinspection fee may result after consultation with an immediate supervisor or central office and the decision is made that additional intervention is needed by the inspector to bring the establishment into compliance.

The following violation(s) will result in a reinspection and reinspection fee under category 1, if the violation(s) is not immediately corrected during the inspection process.

1. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have hot or tempered water or water under pressure available at the hand washing facilities.
2. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have non-absorbent gloves available for working with patrons.
3. The tattoo or body piercing facility is improperly storing or disposing of infectious waste or sharps.
4. Improper or no handwashing is observed before performing a tattoo or piercing or when moving from one patron to another.
5. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have a protein dissolving detergent enzyme for soaking reusable equipment.
6. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have a working ultrasonic cleaner and is using equipment requiring sterilization.
7. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have an approved or working autoclave available and is using equipment requiring sterilization.
8. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have any spore test results available if an autoclave is used.
9. The tattoo or body piercing facility does not have each batch of sterilized equipment monitored with a heat sensitive indicator if an autoclave is used.
10. There is observed re-use of disposable equipment.
11. No approved sanitizer or bactericide is observed in facility.
12. Application of a tattoo to an area of the patrons skin where there is an observed skin infection or lesion present.

FAQ'S

What is the charge for reinspection work?

The following is a list of reinspection fees depending on the type of license you have.

| | Reinspection Fee |
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| Tattoo or body piercing establishment | \$183 |
| Combined tattoo and body piercing establishment | \$300 |

If I'm required to have a reinspection on multiple items with different correction dates, is there a charge each time the inspector returns?

No, the reinspection fee covers all the initial correction dates listed on the routine inspection or complaint.

What happens if the inspector returns to reinspect and the violations have not been corrected?

Uncorrected critical violations will result in a subsequent reinspection being performed at an additional cost. If violations remain uncorrected after a second reinspection, the facility may be closed, have their license revoked or suspended, or be referred for legal action.

Do I pay the inspector for the reinspection and what happens if the reinspection fee is not paid?

An invoice will be sent to you after completion of the reinspection. If the reinspection fee is not paid, your license will not be issued for the following licensing year. Additional fees may be assessed as well as your license being voided.

What happens if I can't get the violations corrected by the compliance date?

If you run into problems and will not be able to correct the violation(s) before your reinspection date, call your public health sanitarian as soon as possible, and request an extension. If an extension is granted a new reinspection date will be given for compliance. Extensions are the exception rather than the rule, so make sure you have a valid reason for the request. Extensions will not be granted on the day the public health sanitarian arrives to do the reinspection.

Is there a charge if I request a public health sanitarian to visit my facility?

Absolutely not, we encourage operators and public health sanitarians to work together to solve problems. We welcome and encourage operators to call if they have questions or problems.