

Infection and Prevention Control Plan Guidelines

A written infection and prevention control plan must include but is not limited to the following items:

- 1) Decontaminating and disinfecting environmental surfaces:
Describe the procedures for decontamination and disinfecting environmental surfaces such as workstations and non-disposable equipment that does not get sterilized. Identify items that are to be disinfected and the disinfectants that are to be used.

- 2) Decontaminating, packaging, sterilizing, and storing reusable equipment and instruments:
Describe the procedures used for decontaminating, sterilizing, packaging, and storing of reusable equipment and instruments. Indicate whether the body art facility uses all pre-sterilized, single-use /disposable instruments; or sterilizes instruments using a steam sterilizer designed to sterilize hollow instruments and is equipped with a drying cycle. Describe in detail the steps of the sterilization process for non-disposable instruments and include the procedures for the monitoring functions of the sterilizer and record keeping details.

- 3) Protecting clean instruments and sterile instruments from contamination during storage:
Describe the procedures for protecting clean instruments and sterile instruments from contamination during storage. Describe the storage location and equipment used for the storage of clean and sterilized equipment. Explain how all equipment is stored to protect from contamination (i.e. exposure to dust and moisture) and for how long.

- 4) Procedures for ensuring that standard precautions and aseptic techniques are utilized during all body art procedures:
Describe in detail a complete body art procedure. If tattooing and piercing are preformed describe both procedures separately. Ensure that the description includes all steps in a procedure from beginning to end, and that it explains all equipment used, steps for hand washing and glove use, work station set-up, preparation of client's skin, in-procedure skin care, work station break-down, and client post procedure skin care.

- 5) Procedures for the safe handling and disposal of needles:
Describe the procedure used for the safe handling of sharps. Indicate the location of the in-use sharps containers and the method and frequency of disposal for sharps waste.

- 6) Aftercare guidelines:
Describe aftercare procedures and ensure the following information is included: physical restrictions, wound care, signs and symptoms of infection, and when to seek medical care.