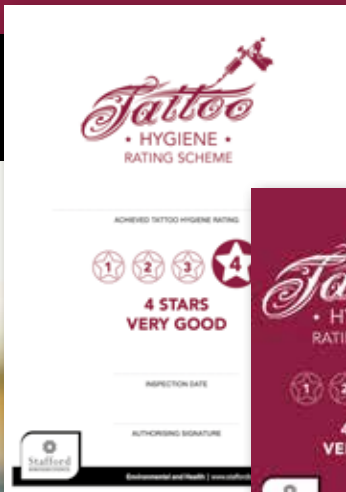


Tattoo

★ HYGIENE ★
RATING SCHEME

Improving standards of tattoo studios across Stafford Borough.



If you're thinking of getting a tattoo look out for a hygiene rating window sticker and certificate, or check out the studio's rating at

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/tattoo

Ratings are from 1 [needs improvement], up to 4 [very good]. The ratings are based on categories such as hygiene, record keeping and infection control.

What if I cannot find a hygiene rating for a studio?

If you can't see a hygiene rating window sticker or certificate in a studio, or you can't find the name and address of the business on our website please **CALL 01785 619 000** or **EMAIL ehtechsupport@staffordbc.gov.uk**.

The business may be operating illegally and could pose a risk to your health. You can report any concerns to the Council in confidence.

Why is hygiene so important?

Tattooing involves piercing the skin with a needle and inserting ink into the skin to change the pigment.

Piercing the skin in a dirty environment, using contaminated equipment or poor quality ink can lead to unwanted side effects - for example itching, pain, bacterial skin infections and scarring. Or worse still you may be exposed to diseases such as hepatitis and HIV.

That's why you should check the rating before choosing the studio you use.

What are the legal requirements?

All premises and artists offering tattooing must be inspected by the Council before they are registered.

It is illegal to tattoo a person under the age of 18.

Tattoo artists must check the age of customers. The tattooing of a minor is investigated by the Police.