

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 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 Long Beach?

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

Who provides the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Training?

City 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.longbeach.gov/health/eh>

What are the fees?

The permit fee for the event organizer is \$175.00 and the permit fee for the booth operator is \$44.55 for each artist with a booth of 1-10 artists, and \$26.25 for each artist with a booth of 11 plus artists.

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 office located at 2525 Grand Avenue Room 220, Long Beach, CA 90815. You may pay fees by including a check or money order with your application, made payable to the City of Long Beach.

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 (562) 570-4131



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