

INKED CIRCUS TATTOO EXPO 2026

Event Requirements

A signed copy of this document must be returned to Health.Inspectors@york.ca by **April 10, 2026**. Please note that the vendor application forms are due by **March 24, 2026**. Anyone providing a personal service (e.g., tattoo, piercing) must comply with the [Ontario Regulation 136/18: Personal Service Settings](#) and must review and follow the requirements outlined:

Hand Hygiene

- Practice frequent and proper hand hygiene (e.g., before and after each service, between tasks, before and after glove use, when hands get soiled and as often as necessary)
- Have adequate supply of alcohol-based hand rub (70-90% alcohol) with a Natural Product Number (NPN), that is used within the expiry date
- Have access to a handwash station that is fully supplied with potable water under pressure, liquid soap and disposable paper towels, and conveniently located in the service area

Equipment and Instruments – On-Site Sterilization is NOT ALLOWED

- Critical items (e.g., needles, tubes) are purchased pre-packaged single-use and sterile
 - Items purchased from a manufacturer are preferred over reusable equipment that is sterilized off-site
- Items/equipment are kept sterile until point of use (damaged or wet packages cannot be used)
- Lot number and expiry date on pre-packaged single-use, sterile equipment is documented on the client record
- If reusable equipment is sterilized off-site
 - Provide location where sterilization took place and copies of last three (3) spore test results for the sterilizer(s)/autoclave(s) available (must be in English)
 - Packaged, sterile items must be labelled with the date of sterilization
 - A covered puncture-resistant, leak-proof container labelled “Dirty items – Do Not Use” available (to store and transport used equipment to off-site sterilization location)
- For cartridge systems with no membrane or proof of membrane, the grip sleeves and drive bars will be required to be sterile prior to use and between uses. This will require an adequate supply of sterile grip sleeves and drive bars to operate as sterilization is not permitted at the event
- Where needle cartridges equipped with a back flow prevention membrane or barrier, manufacturer proof of membrane required
- Use disposable covers for equipment that cannot be disinfected between clients

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- Machines and cords must be fully covered with a disposable plastic cover. This includes the use of single-use tape to secure the cover. The cover and tape must be discarded between clients and the grip wiped with an intermediate-level disinfectant

Environment

- Contact surfaces (counters, trays, tables and chairs/beds) have a smooth and non-absorbent finish that can be easily cleaned and disinfected

Sharps and Garbage Disposal

- Dispose sharps in an CSA approved, adequately sized sharps container available
 - Sharps containers that are full/partly filled must not be left unattended, even when the event is not in operation (i.e., overnight hours)
- Use an appropriate garbage receptacle (covered and lined) and empty regularly

Cleaning & Disinfection

- Have access to a dedicated reprocessing sink to clean and disinfect semi- and non-critical items between use during the event
 - The reprocessing sink cannot be located in a washroom/service area, cannot be the handwash sink, must be large enough to submerge largest piece of equipment that requires cleaning and disinfection on-site, continuously supplied with potable hot and cold running water under pressure, and has adequate counter space to prepare the reusable equipment for use and reuse
- Squirt/squeeze bottles for distilled water must be cleaned and disinfected prior to first use and before refilled in a dedicated reprocessing sink. Additional squirt/squeeze bottles may be necessary for the event
- Disposable ink caps cleaned and disinfected before use
- Use appropriate surface disinfectant(s) with a DIN or NPN. Surfaces are disinfected between clients

Health and Safety

- Skin antiseptic available
- Dressings (sterile preferred) intended to cover wounds and approved for human skin available
- No eating or drinking while providing service
- Personal protective equipment, such as disposable gloves, are available

Information for Clients

- Provide an explanation of the invasive procedure, including information about risks to all clients
- Provide both verbal and written after-care information to all clients

Records

- Operators of a personal service settings are to ensure that the records are stored in a secure location for one year and kept readily available in a secure location for at least two years after the end of the period, for a total of three years
- Accidental blood and body fluid exposures documented

The following services are PROHIBITED at the event:

- Scleral tattooing, implantation of eye jewellery under the conjunctiva
- For tattooing, Health Canada does not recommend the use of human ashes

RESOURCES

- [Ontario Regulation 136/18: Personal Service Settings](#)
- [Guide to Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Service Settings](#)
- [Instrument Disinfection Chart for Personal Service Settings](#)
- [Preparing Household Bleach As A Disinfectant Poster](#)
- [York.ca/InfectionPrevention](#)
- [York.ca/BeSpaSafe](#)

CONTACT A PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about infection prevention and control or regulation requirements, please call 1-877-464-9675 (TTY 1-866-512-6228) or email Health.Inspectors@york.ca.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the requirements outlined in this document.

Signature

Name

Booth Name/Number

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)