

Safe Body Art

Policies and Procedures

Meigs County Health Department will follow and enforce Ohio Laws as they pertain to Body Art Facilities.

Reference:

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-9 Tattoo and body piercing services,

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 3730 Tattoo and body piercing services,

and

OAC 3745-27-30 Standards for generators of infectious wastes.

Inspections:

Standard inspections will be performed once per year.

Follow-up inspections will be performed as needed.

Failure to comply with procedures by a given follow-up date will trigger enforcement action.

All complaints will be thoroughly investigated.

Enforcement action:

If a proprietor fails to remedy an issue at an inspection, a follow-up inspection will be scheduled that allows enough time for the shortcoming to be resolved. If, at that follow-up inspection, the issue is not resolved, a meeting with the environmental health director, enforcing sanitarian, proprietor, and representative for the proprietor, such as legal counsel, will be scheduled to determine the reason for deficiency and set a compliance date to avoid further enforcement action. Increased inspection frequency may be required after such an occurrence, at environmental health director's discretion.

If the issue is not resolved by the compliance date, proprietor will receive, by certified mail, summons to the next Board of Health meeting to explain why they have not complied with laws governing body art in this state. Board may take any action it sees fit, within the confines of the Ohio Code, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of approval to operate. Legal representation of proprietor is welcome.

Situations of immediate danger to the public:

If a sanitarian discovers a situation that poses an immediate danger to the public health, the Board of Health will suspend the approval to operate. In such cases written notice of the action, cause of the action, and the effective date of the action will be given to the proprietor. Proprietor may request a hearing if he disagrees with the finding. Legal representation of proprietor is welcome.