

TATTOO STUDIO INFECTION CONTROL CHECKLIST

BEFORE EACH CLIENT APPOINTMENT

- Wash hands thoroughly using antibacterial soap
- Put on new disposable black nitrile gloves
- Disinfect the workstation with hospital-grade disinfectant
- Cover surfaces with disposable barrier film or protective covers
- Ensure all equipment has been sterilised or is single-use
- Prepare lint-free paper towels for wiping during the procedure
- Ensure sharps container is within reach
- Confirm all inks, needles, and disposable supplies are unopened

DURING THE TATTOO PROCEDURE

- Change gloves immediately if they become contaminated
- Avoid touching phones, lights, or other surfaces with contaminated gloves
- Use lint-free paper towels to wipe excess ink and fluids
- Keep work surfaces organised and uncluttered
- Use disposable barriers on frequently touched items (machines, clip cords, spray bottles)
- Dispose of contaminated wipes and materials immediately in biohazard waste bags

BETWEEN CLIENTS CLEANING PROTOCOL

- Remove and dispose of all single-use items
- Carefully remove barrier films and covers
- Dispose of sharps in approved puncture-resistant sharps containers
- Clean visible debris using disposable wipes
- Apply hospital-grade disinfectant to all work surfaces
- Allow correct disinfectant contact time before wiping
- Replace all protective barriers
- Perform hand hygiene before putting on fresh gloves

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END-OF-DAY STUDIO CLEANING

- Disinfect all workstations and chairs
- Clean sinks and handwashing areas
- Mop floors using disinfectant solution
- Empty waste bins and biohazard bags safely
- Check sharps containers and replace if needed
- Restock hygiene supplies including:
 - Black nitrile disposable gloves
 - Lint-free paper towels
 - Hospital-grade disinfectant
 - Disposable aprons
 - Barrier film and protective covers

WEEKLY HYGIENE AUDIT

- Review cleaning logs and procedures
- Check PPE and disposable supply stock levels
- Inspect sterilisation equipment (autoclaves if used)
- Verify sharps disposal procedures are being followed
- Review infection control protocols with staff

Pro Tip for Tattoo Studios

Professional studios maintain a consistent supply of hygiene essentials including:

- *Black nitrile disposable gloves*
- *Lint-free wiping products*
- *Hospital-grade disinfectants*
- *Biohazard waste bags*
- *Sharps containers*

Reliable hygiene supplies help maintain professional standards and protect both artists and clients.