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## **Licensed Body Art Establishments Portable Hand Wash Sinks**

Recently we have received several requests to place portable hand wash sinks in licensed body art establishments, rather than update the existing plumbing system to accommodate the sink(s) required by Wis. Admin. Code § [SPS 221.11\(7\)\(a\)](#). The concepts discussed below apply to body art establishments which are licensed to operate greater than 7 days, i.e. are not “temporary establishments” as defined in § [SPS 221.03\(25\)](#).

Before the Division of Industry Services (DIS) can review a Body Art Variance Petition for the use of a portable hand wash sink in a body art establishment, the hand wash sink unit must first have received state level approval as a plumbing product. Once state level plumbing product approval has been granted to the unit, a plumbing petition variance must also be granted for the unit’s placement in the body art establishment requesting the variance.

A plumbing petition variance for the unit would need to address code equivalence for portability of water, maintenance procedures, water supply source, wastewater discharge, healthcare use concurrence from the Department of Health Services and a temporary allowance sunset date. Questions regarding the plumbing product approval or a plumbing petition variance can be sent to: [DSPSSBPlbgTech@Wi.gov](mailto:DSPSSBPlbgTech@Wi.gov).

Please note that plumbing code approval of the unit and its placement, does not automatically grant a variance from the Body Art code. Questions regarding the Body Art code can be sent to: [DSPSTattooBodyArt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSTattooBodyArt@wisconsin.gov).