



Tattooing and Body Piercing at Festivals and Other Events Temporary Body Art Establishments

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) regulates tattooing and body piercing under [Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 221](#). Per [§ SPS 221.04](#), all tattooing and body piercing activities must occur in a licensed establishment. Specific requirements for temporary establishments can be found in [§ SPS 221.16](#) § SPS 221.16. In addition, all tattooist and body piercers must also hold a practitioner's license issued by the DSPS.

In multiple jurisdictions, the DSPS contracts with local health departments to regulate the Body Art Code in establishments. In such cases, the local health department is responsible for performing pre-licensing establishment inspections, including temporary establishments such as booths or mobile units. Please view [Agent Health Departments](#) for a complete listing of Body Art Agents. You will need to contact the local health department to determine the process for obtaining a temporary body art establishment license in these areas.

In locations that are not serviced by local health departments, the DSPS performs pre-licensing establishment inspections. A Body Art Practitioner's license is required to submit an establishment license application. Once the applicant has been notified by the DSPS that it has received their application, the practitioner can contact the DSPS to schedule a pre-licensing inspection. It is recommended that practitioners submit their establishment application to the DSPS at least 60 days in advance of their expected day of operation.

All practitioner licenses are issued by the DSPS, even if the local health department is a Body Art Agent. Body Art Practitioner license application forms can be found on our webpage: [Tattooist and Body Pierce - Application Forms](#)

Please view our [Body Art Establishment License Information webpage](#), this webpage contains information and links to the application forms, [Chapter SPS 221](#), and Frequently Asked Questions.

We may also be contacted at: DSPTSattooBodyArt@wisconsin.gov