

# LOOK SHARP

*Cutting edge shops protect themselves and their clients from bloodborne diseases.*

As a body artist, you may come in contact with your client's blood, which may also expose you to hepatitis B, hepatitis C or the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Exposures to these bloodborne pathogens can happen by sticking yourself with a used needle or getting a cut from a sharp tool that has infected blood on it.

## **Be sure sharps disposal containers are acceptable and easy to reach.**

Keep a sharps disposal container close to your work area to safely throw away used needles and other sharps.

Sharps disposal containers must be closeable, puncture-resistant, leak-proof and labeled. These features will allow for safe disposal in a container that is familiar to all workers.

## **Reduce the number of times your hands are in contact with a sharp instrument.**

Whenever possible, use a tool instead of your fingers to handle sharps.

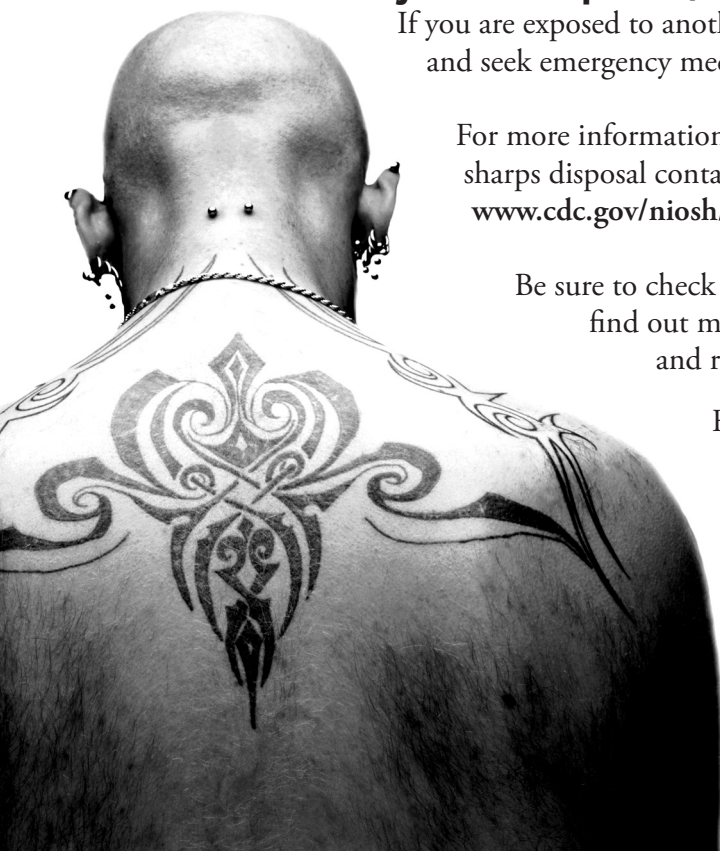
## **If you are exposed, tell someone.**

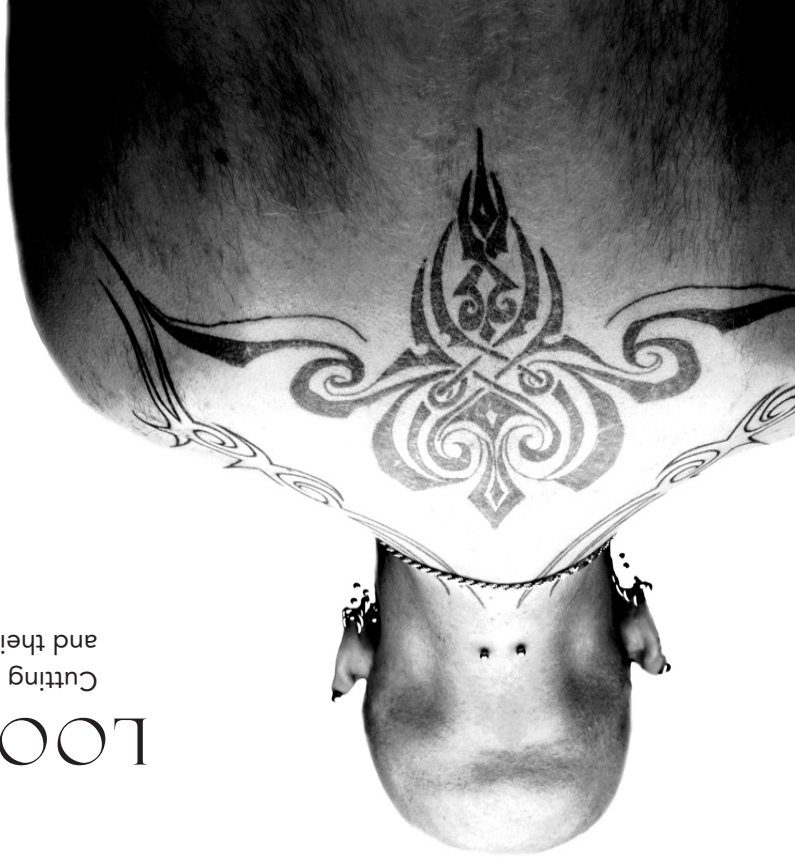
If you are exposed to another person's blood, tell the shop owner and seek emergency medical assistance.

For more information on selecting, evaluating and using sharps disposal containers visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/niosh/sharps1.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/sharps1.html).

Be sure to check with your local health department to find out more about your state and local rules and regulations.

For more information on preventing occupational exposures to bloodborne pathogens call 1-800-CDC-INFO or visit: [www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/bodyart/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/bodyart/).





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