

DANUBE TATTOO SHOW

HYGIENE COMPLIANCE MANUAL

(in accordance with Slovak hygiene and safety regulations for activities involving skin penetration)

1. Purpose of the Document

This document establishes mandatory hygiene and safety rules for all tattoo artists, exhibitors, and staff of the Danube Tattoo Show.

Tattooing is classified as an activity involving skin penetration and is considered an epidemiologically risky activity subject to supervision by the Regional Public Health Authority.

The purpose of this manual is:

- to protect the health of clients and participants,
- to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases (HBV, HCV, HIV, bacterial infections),
- to ensure compliance with Slovak and EU legislation.

Compliance with this manual is mandatory.

2. Responsibilities

The organizer ensures:

- hygiene facilities (sinks, disinfection, waste management),
- contract for biological waste disposal,
- hygiene supervision throughout the event,
- inspection of workstations,
- authority to immediately stop work in case of hygiene violations.

The tattoo artist is responsible for:

- hygiene of their workstation,
- use of sterile materials,
- safe procedure execution,
- client documentation,
- proper waste disposal.

3. Personal Hygiene of the Tattoo Artist

The tattoo artist must:

- wear clean work clothing,
- have short natural nails,

- not wear rings, watches, or bracelets,
- cover all injuries with impermeable dressing.

Before each client:

- wash hands with warm water and soap (min. 30 seconds),
- dry with disposable towel,
- disinfect hands,
- put on new disposable gloves.

4. Gloves and Protective Equipment

- only disposable gloves are used,
- gloves must be changed after each client,
- change gloves after contact with contaminated objects,
- damaged gloves must be replaced immediately,
- recommended: protective apron and eye protection when risk of blood contact exists.

5. Workstation Preparation

Before each client, the tattoo artist must:

- disinfect the work surface,
- cover it with barrier film,
- barrier-wrap machine, cable, and power supply,
- prepare disposable pads,
- use disposable ink caps.

Prohibited at the workstation:

- food and drinks,
- personal items,
- mobile phone use during work.

6. Material Sterility

Only the following may be used:

- sterile disposable needles (opened in front of the client),
- sterile or disposable grips,
- certified tattoo inks compliant with EU standards,
- disposable razors.

Prohibited:

- reuse of needles,
- sterilization of needles outside authorized facilities,
- returning used ink to original containers.

7. Client Preparation

Before the procedure:

- client completes health questionnaire,
- signs informed consent,
- skin check (no tattooing if infection present),
- shaving with disposable razor,
- skin disinfection.

8. Procedure

During tattooing, the artist must:

- work exclusively with gloves,
- not touch contaminated objects,
- not use mobile phone,
- not shake hands,
- not interrupt sterile workflow.

If sterility is interrupted – gloves must be changed and hands disinfected again.

9. After the Procedure

The tattoo artist:

- treats the tattoo,
- covers it with sterile dressing,
- instructs the client on aftercare,
- records the procedure.

10. Waste Management

- needles – sharps container,
- blood-contaminated material – biological waste,
- gloves – infectious waste,
- disposal in municipal waste is prohibited.

Biological waste is handled by a contracted disposal company.

11. Documentation

Each tattoo artist must keep records of:

- client name,
- procedure date,
- tattoo placement,
- inks used,
- artist name.

Documentation must be available for inspection.

12. Hygiene Supervision

The organizer has the right to:

- inspect workstations,
- stop activities,
- exclude a tattoo artist from the event.

13. Prohibited Activities

Strictly prohibited:

- tattooing without gloves,
- reuse of materials,
- use of uncertified inks,
- tattooing under influence of alcohol or drugs,
- tattooing without consent.

14. Sanctions

Violation may result in:

- immediate work stoppage,
- expulsion without refund,
- report to public health authority,
- financial penalties under Slovak law.

This manual is binding for all participants.

By attending, the tattoo artist confirms understanding and compliance.