

**SAMPLE BODY ART SHOP  
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LINCOLN, NE 68510**

**OUR TATTOO PROCEDURE:**

The Tattoo Process is a step-by-step overview of what you can expect the day you come in for your tattoo.

1. The first thing you will do when you come in for your appointment is to choose the pattern, design, or image you would like for the artists at \_\_\_\_\_ BODY ART SHOP to capture for you. In our lobby we have an entire wall of display boards with sample patterns and designs from which you can choose; or, if you already know what you would like done, you may bring in your own design or idea. Remember, at \_\_\_\_\_ BODY ART SHOP, custom work is our speciality!

2. Next, the tattooist will do an ID check to ensure that you are of legal age. Please be advised that \_\_\_\_\_ BODY ART SHOP refuses service to any individual under the age of 18 unless specific requirements are met. We do not advocate tattooing anyone under the age of 18; we prefer individuals wait until they reach the age of majority.

As part of the age check/ID verification process, you will be asked to sign a "consent and release" form authorizing the tattooist to perform the procedure. Before you sign the consent agreement the tattooist will go over the form with you to ensure that you understand and are comfortable with the Health and Safety issues and risks involved with tattooing. At this time, a copy of a state issued ID will be photocopied. A fingerprint will also be taken from the right index finger if you are the parent / legal guardian of a minor getting a tattoo.

3. After completing the required paperwork, we will offer you a walking tour of the \_\_\_\_\_ BODY ART SHOP tattoo work areas. The purpose of this walking tour is to demonstrate our commitment to providing the safest and cleanest tattooing environment possible for you. We will show you our:

- Health and safety procedures
- Autoclave logbook and procedures (The autoclave is the device we use to sterilize our instruments)
- Sharps container, where we dispose of all our used needles
- Gloving Techniques
- Needle handling procedures. This is a very important part of the tour—here we demonstrate to you that the needle set that will be used to apply your tattoo is sealed in its sterile packaging and has not been used on someone else.

4. Now you are ready to begin the tattoo application process. The tattooist will mount the newly opened needle set in the machine and will set up the pigments that will be used in containers in front of you. We set up the pigments that will be used in front of you so that you can see that we do not re-use pigments.

5. The area to be tattooed will be washed, disinfected, and then shaved. Once clean and sterile, the outline/stencil of the design will be applied to the cleaned area. The outline is the guide that the tattooist will use when applying the pigments.

6. The MAIN STEP---the Tattooist will apply the tattoo using the needles and the pigments. Remember, the sensation of the needle as the tattoo is being applied was described in the Tattoo FAQ.

7. After the tattoo has been applied, the tattooist will once again wash the area that was tattooed and will then apply a sterile dressing. Before you leave, the tattooist will discuss the care and cleaning procedures for your new tattoo and give you a copy to ensure you follow the procedures to help prevent infection.

There – It's done. Your new work of body art is complete. That wasn't so bad, was it?