

# What You Should Know About PERSONAL SERVICES



This handout is not meant to address every issue, but is a guide to help you choose the right establishment for you. Make an informed decision before your procedure.

## *Protect yourself.*

### **When considering personal services such as:**

- Body Piercing
- Micropigmentation
- Tattooing
- Electrolysis
- Pedicures
- Aesthetics
- Ear Piercing
- Manicures
- Waxing

Your own awareness of the risks is your best protection against serious health risks.

Many procedures in Personal Service Settings have the potential to transmit blood borne diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B and C if proper precautions are not taken.

### **Some indicators that proper precautions are being taken:**

- The operator freely discusses the procedure and associated risks and is willing to answer all your questions.
- Operator provides written aftercare for invasive procedures.
- Establishment is visibly clean and cleaning occurs between clients.
- Personal service worker (PSW) washes hands often and in between clients.
- PSW uses gloves for invasive procedures.
- Instruments that directly contact clients are disposable **or** properly disinfected after contact.

**Your choice may affect you for the rest of your life!**

- Surfaces such as chairs, tables, beds and counter tops are disinfected often and between clients.
- Customers with visible wounds, rashes, cuts and fungi are not treated.
- Clean and dirty/used equipment are stored separately.
- Skin is disinfected before procedure.
- Piercing guns are used only for ear lobe and pieces of gun that contact ear are disposable - look for a pre-loaded cartridge).
- Reusable instruments are disinfected between clients. Sponges, Emery Boards and Instruments that cannot be immersed in water, cannot be disinfected and should not be reused.
- Footbaths are cleaned and disinfected between clients.

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