Hygiene plan

Tattoo and piercing studio

Business

Valid from

Area	What	When	With what, how	Who
Hands	Hand disinfection	Before and after every client, after taking off gloves	Alcohol-based hand rub from a dispenser	Everyone
Hands	Wash and moisturise	Before starting work, when dirty, after breaks and after using the toilet	Liquid soap, disposable paper towels, hand cream	Everyone
Disposable gloves	Wear	On contact with blood, broken skin or mucous membranes, and when handling disinfectants	A fresh pair for every client, then hand disinfection	Everyone
Work surface	Wipe clean and disinfect	After every client	Surface disinfectant with proven efficacy (e.g. tested to BS EN 1276 or BS EN 13697)	Practitioner
Machine, cables, bottles	Cover with barrier film	Fresh before every client	Single-use barrier film; wipe-disinfect after removing it	Practitioner
Skin before tattooing or piercing	Skin antisepsis	Before every tattoo and piercing	Skin antiseptic, contact time as stated by the manufacturer	Practitioner
Needles, needle cartridges, piercing needles	Sterile single-use items only	New for every client, opened only in front of them	Check the packaging and expiry date	Practitioner

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Ink	Decant into portions	For every client	Single-use ink caps; discard leftovers, never pour back into the bottle	Practitioner
Reusable instruments (grips, forceps)	Clean, disinfect, sterilise, record	After every use	Steam steriliser (autoclave); log each cycle and its release; store in sterile packaging	Practitioner
Waste with blood on it	Dispose of	Daily	Tear-resistant bag, tied shut	Everyone
Sharps	Dispose of	Immediately after use	Puncture-resistant sharps container that can be closed	Everyone
Consumables	Store	Ongoing	Dry, protected from dust, apart from used items; check expiry dates	Owner
Cut or needlestick injury	Treat the wound, record the incident	Immediately	First aid kit, skin antiseptic, plasters; after an injury from a used instrument, get medical advice	Everyone
Floor	Clean	Daily; hair after every client	Damp mop	Everyone

Products, concentrations and contact times as stated by the manufacturer. Review the plan at least once a year and whenever equipment or treatments change; brief the team on it once a year and before anyone new starts.

Reviewed and team briefed on
