

## **The Great Western Tattoo Show Skin Piercing Practices and Considerations**

1. This additional guidance has been created to assist skin piercers (tattoo artist and body piercers) to meet the required standards of infection control, client care and hygiene whilst operating away from the familiar surroundings of their home studios in an environment that isn't purpose built for skin piercing. This appendix is written with reference to the documents listed in the first section of the Event Management Plan.
2. A copy of this appendix will be placed in each skin piercing booth for reference purposes during the event.
3. All skin piercers operating at GWTS have provided evidence of being licenced by a U.K local authority and covered by PLI for the event. All skin piercers are required to provide their full name, date of birth and home address. This information will be retained by GWTS and shared with Swindon Borough Council to allow registration and to use in case of a complaint or investigation.
4. Each skin piercer will be provided with a space (booth) that is a minimum of 2m x 2m. This area includes a trestle table (1.83m wide, that will be used to create a barrier between the booth and the public walkway), two chairs, a work table and electrical outlets. A screen will provide a barrier between the rear of each booth. Skin piercers are responsible for ensuring that the general public do not enter the booth without a valid reason.
5. Skin piercers will be required to work to the same hygiene standard as their studio with consideration given to this document and the CIEH Tattoo Toolkit.
6. Each booth floor area will be covered with heavy duty plastic protective sheeting to assist in cleaning and prevent cross contamination. This will be secured and arranged to not present a trip hazard and can be replaced if required. A biohazard cleaning kit is available at Artist Support if required.
7. Each skin piercer will record the details of customers at GWTS, obtain and record their consent and verify they are aged 18 years or over. A QR code that links to an online service will be available on each booth to assist with this task. For any client that appears to be under the age of 25, suitable photo ID should be obtained and recorded with the consent and medical history form.
8. Each customer should be provided with suitable written aftercare advice and the skin piercers name and contact details. GWTS understands that this advice will vary amongst skin piercers but a basic leaflet is available for those that require it.
9. Replacement solidifier, cleaning wipes, aftercare leaflets, additional waste containers, printing services and general artist support is available as marked on the plan. Monsters Ink are also operating a supply station as marked.
10. It is imperative that proper infection control is maintained throughout the event to ensure that all attendees are properly protected.

a. In addition to the agreed furniture and facilities GWTS will make the following available Liquid solidifier, Medical Grade Cleaning Spray, Red Cloths (for disposal after each use), Medical Grade Disposable Aprons, Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR), Yellow Offensive Waste Bag, Yellow Used Sharps Container and General Waste Bags.

b. All furniture, surfaces and containers that are likely to come into contact with contaminated fluids should be cleaned and covered with non porous material for disposal in the offensive waste bag after the client procedure is finished.

c. All used sharps should be immediately disposed of in the container provided.

d. Hand hygiene is considered one of the most important ways to reduce the transmission of infectious agents that cause associated infections. Suitable gloves should be worn at all times when carrying out procedures. ABHR should be used for routine hand hygiene purposes during the procedure and when replacing or removing gloves. Skin Piercers should not leave the booth area without carrying out suitable hand hygiene. In the unlikely event that your hands become visibly soiled or dirty they should be washed at the nearest facility with hot water and soap. GWTS has been required by Swindon Borough Council to provide hand wash stations for skin piercers use. These are located as marked on the plan at the required ratio of 1 sink for every 4 practitioners. Soap and paper towels are available at these stations. Any issue with a station should be reported to the GWTS team immediately.

e. Used gloves and other potentially contaminated items should NOT leave the booth area until collected by GWTS Team Members.

f. All surfaces should be cleaned and re-covered in between clients.

g. Equipment cleaning and autoclave facilities are not available at GWTS. Skin Piercers should ensure that they have sufficient sterile single use needles, equipment is suitably covered and cleaned with wipes between use. Skin Piercers using single use items such as tubes and needles should ensure they are suitably packaged, sterile and in date. Skin Piercers using reusable items such as grips and tubes should ensure they have sufficient quantities of clean items to last the duration of the event and that used items are stored safely after use to avoid cross contamination. Tattoo Inks should also be checked to ensure they are in date.

h. Full / used containers will be sealed and remain within the booth area with replacements provided. GWTS Team members will remove the waste outside of public opening hours.