



INVASIVE BODY DECORATION

NEWSLETTER

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What is IBD?

Invasive body decoration (IBD) refers to any invasive technique used to permanently or temporarily alter the body. This includes procedures such as tattooing, piercing, permanent makeup, or body modifications. Please see Invasive Body Decoration Annual Permit application here:

<https://www.gethealthycarsoncity.org/home/showpublisheddocument/91030/638810140838370000>



What laws or regulations govern IBD?

Carson City Health and Human Services' Environmental Division perform inspections to ensure IBD facilities and temporary events are in compliance with local laws and regulations. For Carson City and Douglas County, IBD establishments must abide by the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 444- Invasive Body Decoration. These regulations can be found at:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-444.html>

Tattoo Removal:

Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) Environmental Health Division does not have jurisdiction over tattoo removals. Please contact the Nevada Board of Cosmetology for permitting and inspection questions at info@nvcosmo.com or visit their website at www.nvcosmo.com.





Q: How do I apply for an IBD Temporary Event?

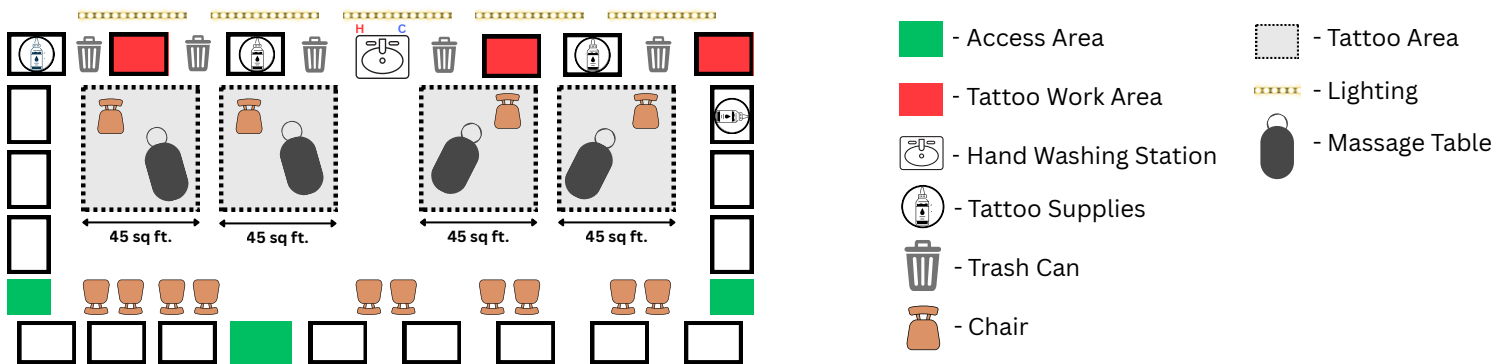
- A:** Submit an IBD temporary event application to CCHHS Environmental Health at eh@carson.org
- Once the application with all documentation is submitted, it will be reviewed, and Environmental Health will send an email with the amount due and a link to pay online.
 - A health permit is issued the day of the event, after a health inspection is completed and any violations are resolved.
 - A permit **MUST** be issued before any IBD procedure can be performed.
 - Find the IBD Temporary Event Application and required documents for submittal below:
<https://www.gethealthycarsoncity.org/home/showpublisheddocument/85211/638158519108070000>



Q: What is required for an IBD Temporary Event?

- One sink for up to four operators.
- The sink must have pressurized, hot, and cold water.
- All materials, such as pre-sterilized needles and inks, must be within their expiration date.
- Maintain copies of client release forms for each person who receives an IBD during the event.
- Provide written and verbal aftercare instructions to a client.
- Current Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) certificate and Hepatitis B vaccination status for each artist.
- Must be operated indoors.

Temporary IBD Layout EXAMPLE



Hepatitis B (Hep B) Vaccination Status

Current IBD operators in Carson City and Douglas County are required to provide their vaccination status to the Environmental Health Division by January 1, 2026. If you have these documents, please submit them to eh@carson.org.

Immunity or vaccination against Hepatitis B protects not only the artist, but also clients and the community entirely. Examples of immunization status documents may include:

- A record of immunization against Hepatitis B; or
- A statement signed by a licensed physician or the health authority which affirms serologic evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B

Carson City Health and Human Services provides Hepatitis B vaccinations. Walk-in vaccination clinics are held every Thursday from 8:20am to 4:00pm at 900 E. Long Street, or call 775-887-2190 to make an appointment.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns please reach out – we want to help!