



Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme

What is it?

Similar to the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, the voluntary Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme aims to raise the hygiene standards of tattoo studios. It will improve public awareness of the risks associated with unhygienic tattoo practices and premises, informing them about the standards they should expect.

What are the benefits of using a tattoo studio which is a member of the Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme?

- A tattoo hygiene rating will make it easier for you to choose studios with good hygiene standards and help studios demonstrate their commitment to high hygiene standards
- Studios will be encouraged to meet best practice thereby ensuring that they are doing everything reasonably practicable to safeguard you from blood-borne infections such as Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.

How does it work?

Studios are awarded a rating from one (needs improving) to four (very good) based on criteria such as the provision of hot running water, cleanliness of the premises, personal hygiene, level of aftercare advice and record keeping. The scheme also requires tattoo studios to encourage tattoo artists to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Participating premises will be allocated a rating following a programmed inspection from the local authority. The rating can be displayed in the premises in certificate form and on the window with a window sticker.

Tattoo Scratchers

It is a legal requirement for tattooists to be registered with the Local Authority. Any tattooists who are not registered are known as Scratchers and they are more likely to operate unhygienically and put their clients at risk. If you are aware of anyone performing tattooing, who is not registered please contact your local authority as they are committing an offence. A list of registered tattooists can be found at hambleton.gov.uk



Over 18's only

It is illegal for under 18's to get a tattoo. If you are aware or suspect of anyone practising in underage tattooing please contact the police on 101.

Check the hygiene rating of a tattoo studio at hambleton.gov.uk