

HAND WASHING IN BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS

Why Hand Washing is Important:

- Proper hand washing is proven to be effective at removing disease causing organisms.
- Clean hands can stop the spread of communicable diseases such as Hepatitis.

When to Wash Hands:

The Administrative Code for Tattooing and Body Piercing (DHS 173) requires that hands are washed:

- Before a procedure.
- After an interruption during a procedure.
- Before putting on gloves.
- After completing a procedure.
- After using bathroom facilities (see below):
 - Hands should be washed **two times** after using bathroom facilities:
 1. Once using the bathroom area sink.
 2. Once using the procedural area sink after returning from the bathroom.



How to Wash:

The recommended procedure for proper hand washing includes these steps:

- Wet hands with warm or tempered water.
- Lather hands with anti-bacterial soap.
- Vigorously scrub the tops and bottoms of the hands and wrists for 20 seconds.
- Thoroughly rinse the hands and wrists.
- Thoroughly dry hands with clean, single use toweling.
- Turn the water faucet(s) off with your hand drying towels and not clean hands.



For More Information

For **general questions** about the information in this document, contact the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Food Safety and Recreational Licensing (FSRL) Section at (608) 266-2835 or visit our website at:

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