



*Martin County Health Department*

**FACT SHEET FOR OPENING A NEW FACILITY  
Body Piercing**

Body Piercing in the State of Florida is governed by 64E-19, Florida Administrative Code <http://www.myfloridaeh.com/community/body-piercing/pdfs/64E-19.PDF> and

Florida Statutes Title XXIX, Chapter 381.0075

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.0075.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.0075.html)

1. In order to operate a body piercing business, you must obtain both a body piercing establishment permit and a biomedical waste permit from the Department of Health.
2. To initiate the permitting process, you will need to **submit plans** together with the appropriate fees. You will also need two copies of your floor plans, drawn to scale, with all rooms and equipment labeled. If the facility is serviced by a private septic system rather than public sewer, you will need an appointment with the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system staff **BEFORE** you can submit plans. It is recommended that you make an appointment to submit your plans so that they can be reviewed immediately.
3. A construction inspection will often be conducted. At the inspector's discretion, this may be done at the time of the opening inspection.
4. If the plans are approved, you may **submit a completed application** for a body piercing permit to the Martin County Health Department together with the required permit fee. The application is available at:  
<http://www.myfloridaeh.com/community/body-piercing/pdfs/piercingapp.PDF>
5. Within two weeks of submission, you will be contacted to schedule an **opening inspection**. Prior to this inspection, you must present proof that you have made application for a biomedical waste permit from the Department of Health.

**To be approved to operate, you must have proof that the operator and piercer(s) have completed the training described in 64E-19, Florida Administrative Code.**

Additional information regarding this permit and the requirements associated with it can be found at the Department of Health website at: <http://www.myfloridaeh.com/community/body-piercing/index.html>

If you have questions, please contact:

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