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- Are you thinking about having a tattoo?
- Would you know what to look for in a tattoo studio?
- Have you checked to see if the tattoo studio is registered?

### What to look for in a tattoo studio?

There are certain things a good tattoo studio will have. Ask yourself the following questions...

- Is it clean and tidy? It should look as clean as in other medical settings e.g. GP surgery.
- Are all equipment, walls and floor surfaces clean and made of materials which can be easily cleaned?
- Is there a hand wash basin in the treatment room or nearby?
- Is the tattoo artist using sterile equipment? Some parts of the equipment should be wrapped and a new needle should be used.
- Does the tattoo artist have his registration certificates displayed? If not ask to see them.

### What should the tattooist do?

There are certain things a good tattooist will do:

- Ask for proof of age (if appropriate).
- Talk to you about the tattoo you would like and advise accordingly.
- Carry out a detailed client assessment including asking questions to establish your medical history.
- Cover your tattoo with a dressing when they have finished and supply you with detailed verbal and written aftercare advice.



#### Please note:

Having a tattoo done will involve some risks. If you go to a Council registered business and tattooist they should have good practices and procedures in place to minimise health risks.