

SAFE TATTOOING

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Almost all of the recently published materials are good news for tattoo artists. The 'Golden Rule' still applies here, Always: **Err on the Side of Caution**. If tubes, needles & ALL other work materials are new or properly sterilized, tattooing is almost 100% safe for both the customer and artist.

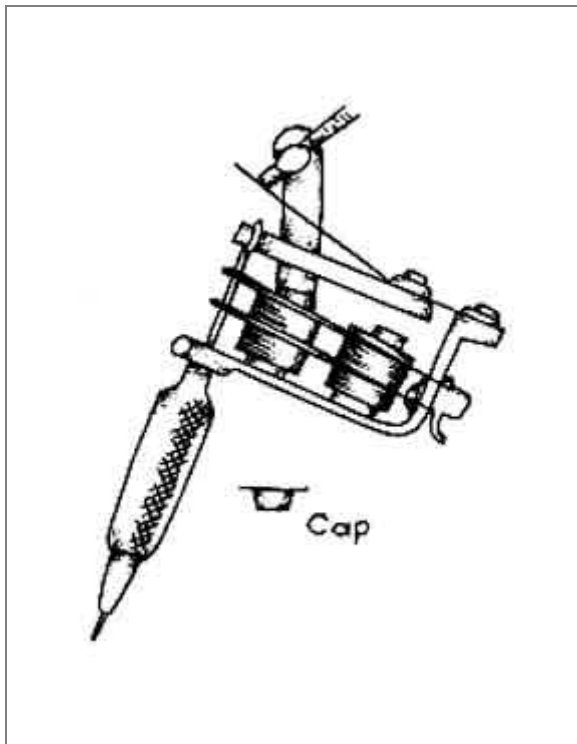
When going for a tat, check to see if the artist is throwing away the extra ink in the cap from the last client. If not, there is a good chance the ink is contaminated. If the artist isn't wearing surgical/plastic gloves, ask the artist to put some on. **Extreme Caution**: *these are only two of the signs that this artist is not aware of viral transmission precautions.*

Joint Tattoos

Hepatitis B & C. Many individuals infected with the virus usually have no symptoms in the early stages. They can infect others unwittingly and are at risk of developing chronic liver disease, chronic active Hepatitis, cirrhosis and primary liver cancer. Many will die from this disease.

The Hepatitis B & C virus is harder to kill than the AIDS virus, **Exercise Extreme Caution**.

'BLEACHING DOES NOT KILL HEP C'



Getting a tattoo is a very serious thing and can be a piece of art you can enjoy for the rest of your life. Don't spoil it by getting a deadly virus and hating the tat you had good reason to love.

Make sure there is lots of lighting, new needles, rubber gloves, good conversation and that righteous tattoo. If there is something you don't know, **ASK!** A question always brings an answer. *Never be ashamed to ask a question!*

You can get HIV and Hepatitis from tattooing if you share any of these: guns, needles, guitar strings, threads, inks, rags, fluids.

**Clowning around can get you & others:
- DEAD -**

If your getting a tattoo, make *dead* sure you're using clean materials.

It's Your Life and ? Others!

