

		West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources			
		MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES			
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Tattoo studios have been regulated since 1993 when the West Virginia Legislature passed House Bill 2565 (effective July 9, 1993). House Bill 2565 established standards for tattoo studios in Chapter 30, Article 33, of the West Virginia Code, including a \$200 annual operating fee.

The 2001 West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 268 which repealed Article 33 of Chapter 30 and moved the standards to a new [Article 38 of Chapter 16](#). No changes were made to the standards. Attached is a copy of the Code citation and form SG-56, Tattoo Studio Inspection Report.

Please note that the standards require that tattoo studio operators comply with the [Infectious Medical Waste Rule, 64 CSR 56](#). Small quantity generators (less than 50 lbs. per month of infectious waste) must develop and follow a management plan which includes information on storage procedures; labeling and packaging; treatment and disposal methods; transportation; and manifests. Tattoo studios should be advised that they may obtain a copy of the West Virginia Infectious Medical Waste Rule and the Small Quantity Generators Waste Management Guide from the [Infectious Medical Waste Program web site](#), <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvimw>.

References                      [64 CSR 56, Infectious Medical Waste Rule](#)  
[Infectious Medical Waste Program web site](#)

History                              Replaces DC-6 dated May 18, 1993

Attachments                      [§ 16-38 Tattoo Studio Business](#)  
[SG-56, Tattoo Studio Inspection Report](#)