

Cosmetic Piercing

New requirements for cosmetic body piercing businesses

The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 has introduced new requirements for Cosmetic Piercing (piercing of parts of the body, including the ear) businesses.

Cosmetic piercing businesses have to:

- register with their District Councils; and
- follow Bye-laws on the cleanliness and hygiene of practitioners, premises and equipment to protect customers against the risk of infection.

It is an offence to carry on such a business without being registered, to carry on such a business in premises that are not registered for that purpose or to breach Bye-laws.

The new legislation uses the terminology “cosmetic piercing” to include piercing of any part of the body, including the ear.

Please contact the Senior Health & Safety Officer at Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for advice about registration and Bye-laws or view the Council's website at www.fermanaghomagh.com