

Personal Services at Temporary Events

Information Sheet: Invasive Services

What are Temporary Personal Service Facilities?

Temporary personal service facilities are defined as those operating in a temporary location for a period of 14 days or less per year. In general, an invasive temporary personal service operation should meet the requirements identified in the “Opening a Personal Service Facility Fact Sheet”. The local public health inspection office can provide guidance on proper set up for temporary events.

What are the Risks?

The risks associated with invasive personal services may be magnified at temporary events due to potential limitations when setting up the event (e.g., sink availability, space allotted, etc.). These risks include:

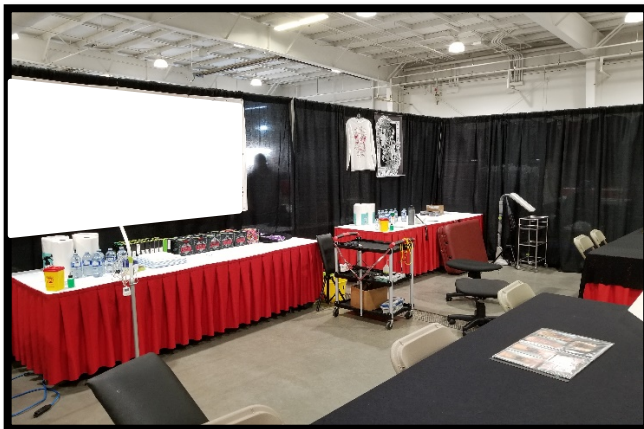
- Transmission of infectious diseases, such as HIV, hepatitis B and C, and skin infections
- Allergic reactions to pigments/inks or other products
- Injury, severe burns, paralysis, hyperpigmentation, and unwanted scarring

Do I Need to Apply for Approval?

Operators providing **invasive personal services**, such as tattooing, permanent make-up, body piercing, nail services, or any other procedure intended to penetrate the body or compromise the skin, at a temporary location, should:

- 1) Contact the local public health inspection office at least **14 days prior** to commencement of temporary operations.
- 2) Provide information regarding the services that are proposed and the space that will be used to provide them.
- 3) Schedule an inspection of the temporary facilities prior to the start of the event.

Note: Not all invasive services are appropriate for a temporary setting



Booth and Temporary sink set up. Photos courtesy of Saskatoon Health Region.

Preparing for an Event

The following checklist will help you prepare for your temporary personal service facility. Further information can be found in the Saskatchewan Personal Services Best Management Practices (SK PS BMP) document and by contacting your local public health inspector:

- Local public health inspector has been contacted for approval (at least 14 days in advance of event)
- Saskatchewan Personal Services Best Management Practices (SK PS BMP) document has been reviewed
- Adequate space is available to allow for proper equipment set up and storage
- Disinfectants as per requirements in the SK PS BMP are on site for use as required
- Lighting is adequate so that services can be performed safely
- Outdoor booths are completely enclosed including an overhead covering and cleanable floor; pests are controlled
- Area isn't used for any other purpose, e.g. living, dining, or sleeping quarters unless the spaces can be completely separated from each other
- No animals, with the exception of service animals, are allowed in the service area
- There is a handwashing station present that has:
 - Potable hot and cold water under pressure
 - Paper towels in a dispenser
 - Dispensable liquid soap
 - A waste receptacle
 - Hand wash sink is equipped with an enclosed waste water collection tank
 - Handwash sink may be shared between vendors if it is easily accessible to all and does not require a door to be opened or curtain to be moved to access it.
- Hand sanitizer (60% and higher) and single use gloves are available at point of service
- Aftercare instructions are provided and client records are gathered and maintained by the artist and / or the organizer of the event as per the SK PS BMP requirements
- Packaged sterilized instruments are protected from contamination during transit and while in storage at the temporary location
- Used instruments are pre-rinsed and placed in a secure, leak proof, puncture resistant container before being transported to the base of operation for reprocessing
- An adequate supply of single-use disposable items are on hand for the duration of the event
- Cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization procedures are followed at all times
- Lined garbage containers are provided at each booth for general waste
- Sharps containers are provided at each booth; they are safely disposed of when full or upon completion of the event
- Laundry is handled as per SK PS BMP

For Further Information please contact your local Public Health Inspector through office found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/public-health/public-health-inspectors>

The Saskatchewan Personal Services Best Management Practices and other Saskatchewan Personal Service Fact Sheets can be found here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/environmental->