

Parental Consent Requirements

Body Piercings and Tattoos

- Alabama: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Alaska: Minors may not receive tattoos. Written parental permission is required for body piercing and a parent or legal guardian must be present during the procedure.
- Arizona: A minor needs the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Arkansas: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo and a parent or guardian must be present.
- California: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. The presence or notarized consent of a parent or legal guardian is required to receive a piercing other than an ear-piercing.
- Colorado: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Connecticut: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a tattoo.
- Delaware: Minors need written consent from a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- District of Columbia: It is unlawful to provide tattoo or body piercing services to anyone under age 18 without the consent of the parent or guardian who is present at the time of the procedure.
- Florida: Minors need the written, notarized consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Georgia: Tattooing of a minor must be done by a licensed osteopath or technician acting under the direct supervision of a licensed physician or osteopath. Piercing needs the written informed consent from a parent or legal guardian.
- Hawaii: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a tattoo. No current age limits on piercings.
- Idaho: Minors aged 14-18 need the written consent and the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Illinois: Minors may not be at a tattoo shop without a parent or legal guardian. Minors may not receive a tattoo.
- Indiana: Minors need written consent and the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.

- Iowa: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. No laws on body piercing.
- Kansas: Minors need written, notarized consent and the presence of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Kentucky: Minors need the written, notarized consent from a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Louisiana: Minors need the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Maine: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing.
- Maryland: No laws currently on age limits for tattoos or body piercing.
- Massachusetts: No laws currently on age limits for tattoos or body piercing.
- Michigan: Minors need written informed consent from a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing. Consent must be given in person.
- Minnesota: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. A minor needs witnessed written consent from a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing. No genital or nipple piercings, branding, scarification, suspension, subdermal implantation, microdermal, or tongue bifurcation is allowed on minors.
- Mississippi: It is illegal to tattoo or body pierce a minor.
- Missouri: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo. The consent must be given in person.
- Montana: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo. The consent must be given in person.
- Nebraska: A minor needs the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Nevada: No laws currently on age limits for tattoos or body piercing. The state does not regulate tattoo or piercing shops.
- New Hampshire: Minors need the written consent and presence of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing.
- New Jersey: Tattoos require written permission from a minor's parent or legal guardian.
- New Mexico: Minors need written consent and a parent or guardian present during a tattoo or piercing.
- New York: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. Written parental consent is needed for piercings.
- North Carolina: It is illegal to tattoo or body pierce a minor.
- North Dakota: Minors need the written consent and presence of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.

- Ohio: The parent or guardian must sign a consent form and appear in person at the time a procedure is performed.
- Oklahoma: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. A minor needs the presence and written consent of the parent or legal guardian to receive a body piercing.
- Oregon: A parent or guardian must give written consent and present proof of identity. Minors can only be tattooed with the authorization of a physician.
- Pennsylvania: Minors need the written consent and presence of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Rhode Island: Minors need the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing. Minors cannot be tattooed.
- South Carolina: Minors under the age of 18 may not get a tattoo without parental consent. A parent or guardian must either give written, notarized consent for a body piercing or be present during the procedure.
- South Dakota: Minors need written consent from a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Tennessee: A minor older than 16-years-old may get a tattoo to cover an existing tattoo, require their parent to be present, and have ID. Minors need written consent and the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing.
- Texas: Minors need written consent and the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a tattoo. Only permissible if it is to cover 'an obscene or offensive' tattoo and the parent believes it 'in the best interest.' An adult needs proof of parentage or guardianship.
- Utah: Minors need the consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Vermont: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo.
- Virginia: Minors need the presence of the parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo - excludes ear piercing.
- Washington: It is illegal to tattoo a minor. No laws currently on age limits for body piercing.
- West Virginia: Minors need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to receive a tattoo. No laws currently on age limits for body piercing.
- Wisconsin: It is illegal to tattoo a minor other than a physician in the course of his or her professional practice. No current laws on age limits for body piercing.
- Wyoming: Minors need verbal consent from a parent or legal guardian to receive a piercing or tattoo and parent or guardian must be present.