Tattoo consent form

A starting point, not legal advice. Have a lawyer check the wording for your state or country before you use it.

Age and ID

I am 18 or older. I have shown [Business name] a valid government-issued photo ID, and the name and date of birth I give on this form match it. I understand that [Business name] will not tattoo me if I cannot prove my age.

Health and sobriety

I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. I have answered the health questions on this form truthfully, and I understand that some conditions and medicines can slow healing, increase bleeding or raise the risk of infection. If anything about my health changes before or during the session, I will tell my artist.

Design, placement and spelling

Before the tattoo starts, I have looked at the stencil on my body. I have checked its size and placement, the spelling of every word, and any names, dates or numbers. I approve the design as shown. If I want a change, I will say so before the first line.

Permanence and results

I understand that a tattoo is **permanent**. Removal is expensive, usually takes several sessions, and may leave a scar or a trace of ink. The same ink can look different on different skin. Colors can heal lighter or uneven, and lines can soften over the years, so my artist cannot promise an exact result.

Risks

I understand that tattooing breaks the skin and carries risks even when the studio follows proper hygiene. These include pain, bleeding and swelling, infection, an allergic reaction to the ink (which can appear years later), scarring, keloids, and small raised bumps called granulomas. I understand that the FDA has not approved any pigments for injection into the skin for cosmetic purposes.

Aftercare

My artist gave me aftercare instructions verbally and in writing. I understand that how my tattoo heals depends largely on how I look after it. I will follow the instructions, and I will see a doctor if I notice signs of infection such as spreading redness, heat, pus or a fever.

Deposits, touch-ups and refunds

I agree to the deposit, cancellation, touch-up and refund terms as set out in the studio's policy, which I was given the chance to read. If anything in that policy is unclear to me, I will ask before the session starts.

Release of liability

To the fullest extent the law allows, I release [Business name], its owners, artists and staff from any claim for injury, illness or loss arising from my tattoo, **including claims caused by their negligence**. This release does not cover gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct. I agree not to sue over any claim I have released here.

Acknowledgment

I have read this tattoo consent form and had the chance to ask questions. I consent to being tattooed by [Business name]. I understand that I am giving up legal rights, including the right to sue for negligence, and I am signing freely.

Full name

Date of birth

Email

Describe the tattoo and where it goes on your body

Name of the artist doing your tattoo

Do you have a condition, or take a medicine, that affects healing or bleeding? For example diabetes, a bleeding disorder, a heart condition, epilepsy or fainting, blood thinners, or a skin condition where the tattoo will go.

Are you allergic to latex, any tattoo ink or pigment, metals, adhesives or ointments?

Are you pregnant or nursing?

Optional, and you may skip it: is there a bloodborne condition, such as hepatitis or HIV, that you would like your artist to know about? Your answer does not decide whether you are tattooed.

I agree that [Business name] may photograph my tattoo and use the photos in its portfolio, on its website and on social media. I can still be tattooed if I say no.

I have read this tattoo consent form, I approve my design and placement, and I agree to the release.

Signature and date

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