

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-37-2

## §16-37-2. Definitions.

(a) "Adequate ventilation" means a free and unrestricted circulation of fresh air throughout the body piercing studio and the expulsion of foul or stagnant air.

(b) "Antimicrobial solution" means any solution used to retard the growth of microorganisms.

(c) "Body piercing" means to puncture the skin for the purpose of creating a hole to be decorated or adorned, but does not include the use of a mechanized, presterilized ear-piercing system that penetrates the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear or both.

(d) "Body piercing studio" means any room or space where body piercing is practiced or where the business of body piercing or any part thereof is conducted.

(e) "Operator" means any person who is registered with the state to operate, control or manage a body piercing studio, and whose studio has been issued an operating permit by the local board of health.

(f) "Single use" means products, instruments or items that are used one time on one client and then properly disposed of in accordance with rules of the Department of Health regarding the disposal of medical wastes.

(g) "Standard precautions" means that all blood and body fluids are treated so as to contain all blood-borne pathogens and all proper precautions are taken to prevent the spread of any blood-borne pathogens.

(h) "Technician" means an individual who engages in the practice of body piercing.