

Tattoo & Hair Color: Safety Alert - Summary

The exponential growth of tattoos/body modification has broken virtually all cultural barriers.

Formerly the mark of sailors, prison inmates and gang members, now fashion designers, photographers, perfumers and cosmetic companies have seized and leveraged this form of expression. Hollywood actors and celebrities function as high-profile ambassadors of the tattooed lifestyle . . . further shifting tattoos into accepted social mainstream. Today, tattoos claim more body real estate than at any other time in history.

Clearly, all puns aside, tattoos are here to stay.

This embrace of body art poses physical dangers that are not being adequately addressed. The combination of hair dyes and body inks poses very health risk and can be especially to professionals and consumers. It's a clear public health risk, and *even more dangerous to the cosmetology and body art practitioners because of their frequency of contact with products that contain contaminants.*

Of concomitant concern is also the legal exposure of not adhering to such protocols.

This paper examines the dangers and risks and specifically within the professional protocols – or lack thereof – to cosmetology and body art practitioners. It defines proper protocols and warnings for practitioners, and closes with recommendations that should be heeded by both (1) the industry as well as (2) the consumer who engages in *both* beauty hair color treatments and body art.

The full article can be found on my website:

<http://www.susanmaccoy.com/tattoo--hair-color-safety-alert.html>