

Don't sweat it - good hardware
is always installed by professionals!



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of transmission of hepatitis C if contaminated with infected blood.**

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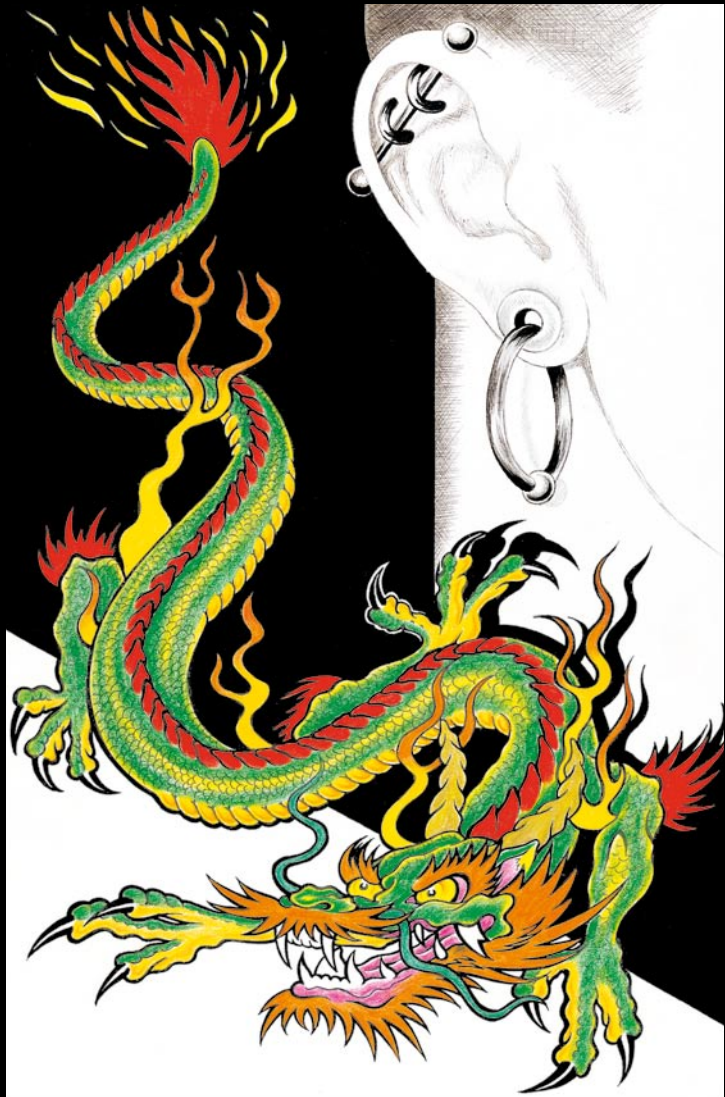
- a certificate to operate from their premises
- washed their hands and is wearing new disposable gloves
- opened any sterile equipment packs while you are present
- made sure that the area to be pierced is disinfected and
- fully answered any questions about the piercing before starting.

Always seek medical advice if there is any discharge, lines or streaks from the piercing site, your glands become swollen or you begin to feel unwell.

Your body art will be as good as the artist you go to, and the way you look after it while it heals.
Contact State or Territory Health Departments (ask for Environmental Health or Communicable Diseases) or Hepatitis Australia (on 1300 HEP ABC) for more info.

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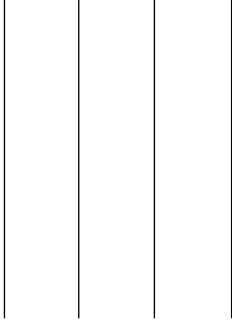
Make sure when selecting a body artist that they have permission from the local government authority to operate from their premises and that a new sterile needle is attached to the tattooing machine while you are present.

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That's healing great Zoe!
Like I said - it's worth
going to a professional!



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