

SKIN 'N STEEL



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BODY PIERCING BEFORE-CARE

Some points to ponder before getting a piercing:

- The studio is clean and sterile with a good reputation.
- The artist will answer all your questions and explain the procedures to you.
- The artist is wearing new latex or vinyl gloves and all the equipment is sealed and sterile.
- The jewelry is high-quality medical-grade stainless steel or titanium.
- Make sure you feel comfortable with the artist and the studio work space.
- Ask to see their portfolio, health board, and spore test (sterilizer) certificate.
- A sharps container is used for needle disposal.
- You want a professional to do your piercing; ask about how long they have been piercing.
- Your risk of hassles and infections go up with an amateur piercing.
- The artist has full aftercare instructions that need to be followed.
- If you are uncomfortable at any time, leave.