

Changes to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* – tattoos and jewellery of the eye

Dear Operators of personal service settings who offer tattoo and body piercing services,

The Ontario government recently passed amendments to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA), and included the following provision to ensure that no person (other than a regulated health professional who complies with the regulations under the HPPA) sells, offers for sale, or provides eye tattooing or implants eye jewellery:

Tattoos and jewellery of the eye

18.1 (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale or provide, any of the following:

1. Scleral tattooing.
2. Implantation of eye jewellery under the conjunctiva.

What this means for you:

As of May 1, 2018, no person, other than a regulated health professional, can sell, offer for sale or provide eye tattooing or implant eye jewellery.

It is an offence to provide scleral tattooing or implantation of eye jewellery under the conjunctiva.

A copy of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h07>.

If you have any questions please contact your local public health unit:

<http://www.alphaweb.org/?page=PHU>.