



The Region's health department is concerned that customers of a Clarington tattoo parlour may have been exposed to non-sterile equipment.

Durham Region Health Department is urging clients who had body piercing services done at Sins & Temptations in Bowmanville from June 1, 2010 to April 18, 2011, to call the Health Department as part of an investigation into potential exposure to non-sterile equipment.

Located at 116 King St. W., Bowmanville, a variety of services are carried out at Sins & Temptations, including hairdressing, tattooing and body piercing. During the period from June 1, 2010 to April 18, 2011, the Health Department identified that non-sterile equipment may have been used in the provision of body piercing services to clients. The possible use of non-sterile equipment for body piercing services could lead to transmission of diseases such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV. As a result, clients who received body piercing services at this facility during the specified time period are asked to call Durham Health Connection Line (DHCL) at 905-666-6241 or 1-800-841-2729, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to obtain an information package. Clients can also call DHCL this Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

“Our investigation only involves clients who may have received body piercing services at Sins & Temptations,” explains Ross MacEachern, Manager, Environmental Health with the Health Department. “It does not include those clients who received other services such as tattooing or hairdressing.”

At this time, the Health Department has no evidence of transmission of infectious diseases, but because of the potential use of non-sterile equipment used during body piercing services, there is a relatively low risk of exposure. As a result, the Health Department recommends that anyone who had body piercing done at Sins & Temptations during the specified time period, take precautions until evidence of transmission of infectious diseases can be ruled out.

## Warning for tattoo shop customers

Sunday, 01 May 2011 14:15 - Last Updated Saturday, 13 August 2011 23:49

---

Affected individuals are encouraged to avoid sharing clippers, razors, toothbrushes and other personal items, and to use a condom during sexual activity.

While the Health Department regularly inspects personal services establishments, consumers are urged to research an establishment before receiving services. "As a consumer, it's important that you're aware and educated about the businesses you choose and do your homework about an establishment by calling the Health Department before you go," says Mr. MacEachern. "We encourage everyone to be aware of the proper procedures, don't be afraid to ask questions about the operation, and only receive services from an inspected establishment."

{loadposition content\_adsense}