Public Notice

Body Piercing Disclosure Statement

- THE WEST VIRGINIA BUREAU FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT DO NOT ENDORSE OR RECOMMEND BODY PIERCING IN ANY FORM.

- HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMITS SIGNIFY SANITATION OF EQUIPMENT AND THE UTILIZATION OF PROPER PROCEDURES ONLY.

As with any invasive procedure, body piercing may involve possible health risks. Body piercing could result in:

- Pain, bleeding, swelling, infection, scarring of the pierced area and nerve damage.

The Piercing Technician should:

- Properly cleanse the piercing site before piercing;
- Use sterilized equipment;
- Use sterile piercing techniques; and
- Inform the client of proper aftercare of the pierced area.

For complaints or comments please contact the Bureau for Public Health at (304) 558-2981, your local health department, or mail comments to 350 Capital Street, Suite 313, Charleston, WV 25301.