

# 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.