

**Chapter 246-145 WAC**  
**ELECTROLOGY AND TATTOOING STANDARDS FOR STERILIZATION PROCEDURES**  
**AND INFECTION CONTROL**

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**WAC 246-145-001 Purpose and scope.** These rules establish standard universal precautions for preventing the spread of diseases by using sterilization procedures and infection control in the commercial practices of electrology and tattooing.

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**WAC 246-145-010 Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following words and phrases have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) "Electrologist" means a person who practices the business of electrology for a fee.
- (2) "Electrology" means the process of permanently removing hair by using solid needle or probe electrode epilation, including:
  - (a) Thermolysis, being of shortwave, high frequency type;
  - (b) Electrolysis, being a galvanic type; or
  - (c) A combination of both which is accomplished by a superimposed or sequential blend.
- (3) "Gloves" means medical grade gloves that are FDA approved.
- (4) "Sterilization" means a process that destroys all forms of microbial life, including highly resistant bacterial spores.
- (5) "Tattoo artist" means a person who practices the business of tattooing for a fee.
- (6) "Tattooing" means the indelible mark, figure, or decorative design introduced by insertion of nontoxic dyes or pigments into or under the subcutaneous portion of the skin upon the body of a live human being for cosmetic or figurative purposes.

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