



# SAFE PIERCING

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# Why am I here?

- To inform you about **safe body piercing.**
- To talk about what to look for in a **high quality professional piercer.**

# What is the APP?

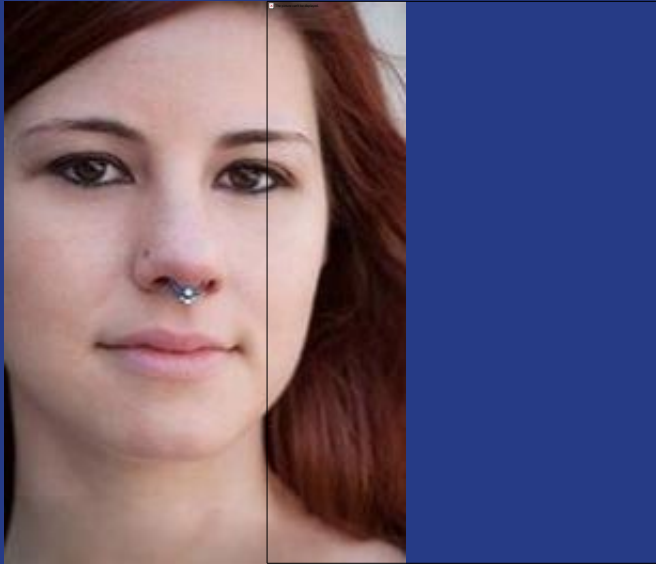
## (Association of Professional Piercers)

- A non-profit organization that:
  - Provides information about body piercing safety to the general public.
  - Provides minimum health and safety guidelines to body piercers.
  - Hosts an educational conference every year for professional piercers, health inspectors, studio workers and individuals from related fields.
  - Supports piercers who are working with their local legislation.
  - Answers questions for people and refers them to safe piercers.

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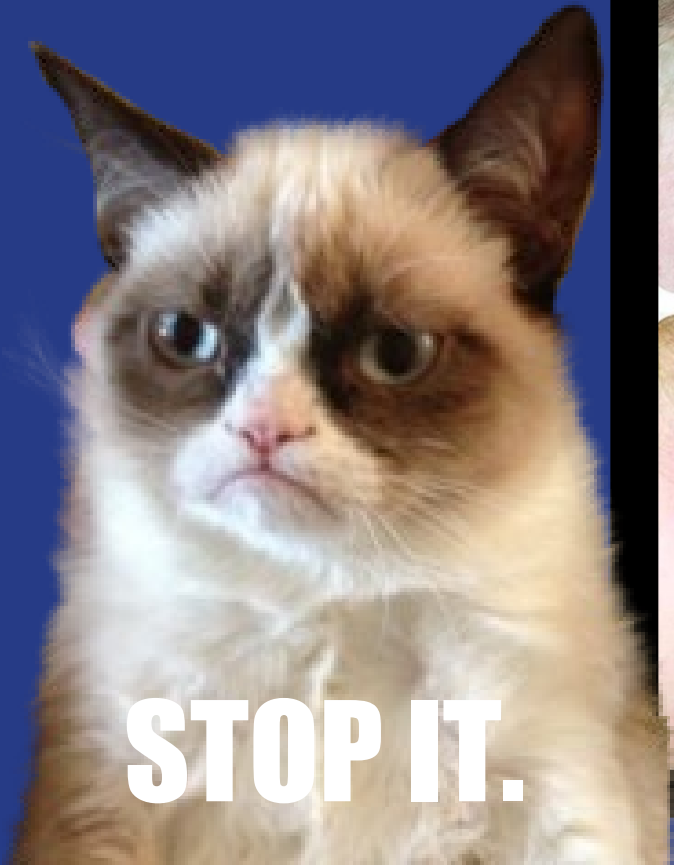


Students all over the world express themselves by adorning their bodies with beautiful piercings and jewelry.

# Risks of unsafe piercing:

- Potentially deadly infections
- Allergic reactions
- Piercings that migrate or reject, leaving serious scarring
- Piercings that don't look nearly as good or heal as well as they should!

# Home Piercing



**STOP IT.**



# ■ Staph Infections

- According to the CDC, 25%-30% of the population carries staph on their body, even though they have no symptoms.
- Many people think if they buy sterilized jewelry or sterilized needles that they will be safe, but some of the most dangerous infections can come from your own skin.

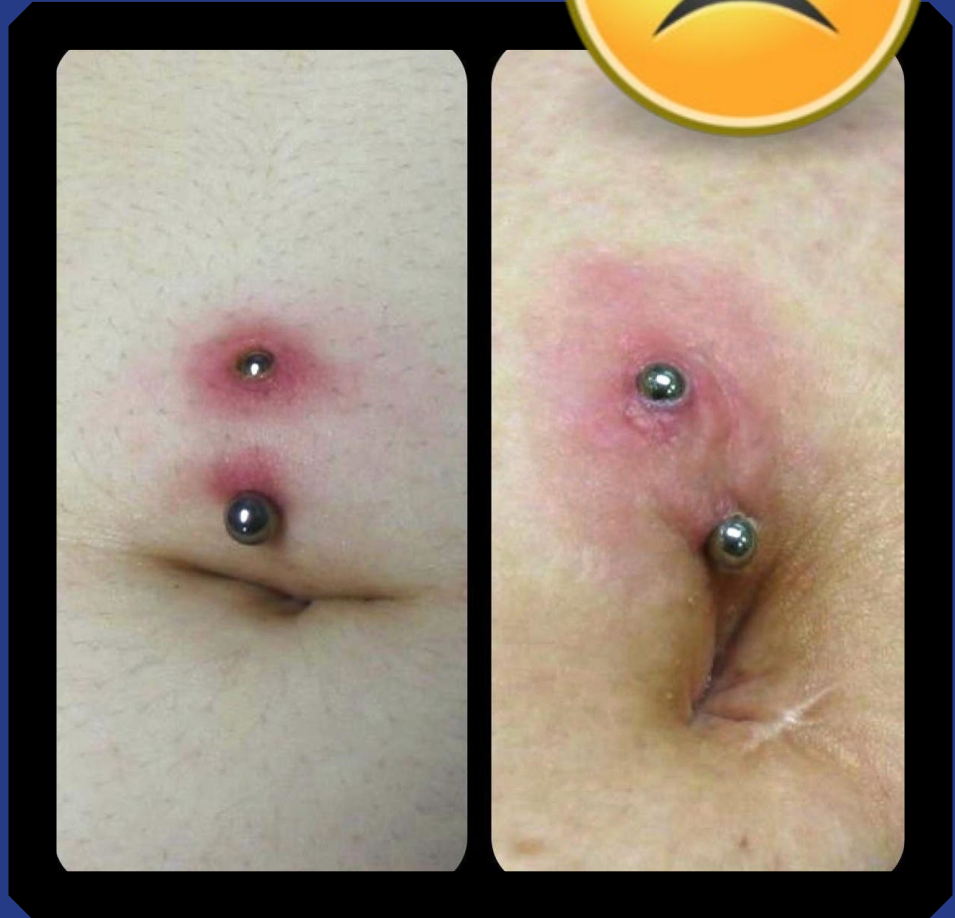
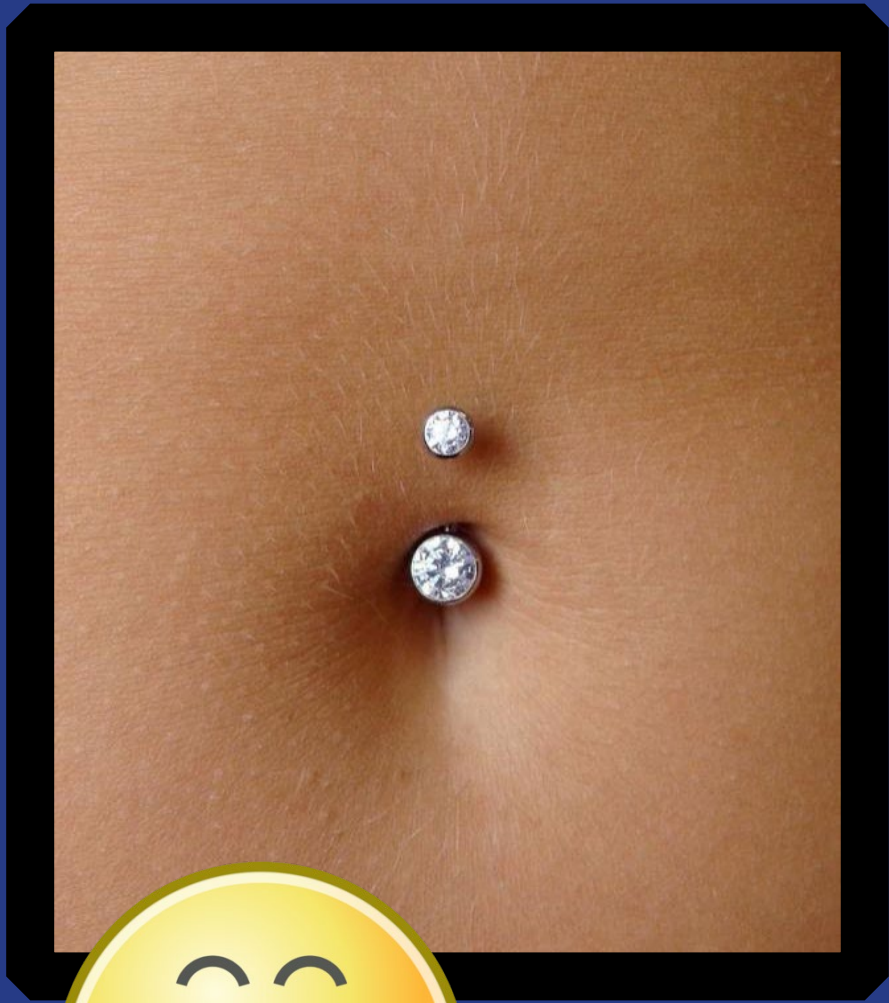
# *Staphylococcus aureus*



# Placement and Jewelry Issues

Body jewelry requires customized sizes and styles.

- Jewelry that is correctly sized will allow the piercing to properly heal and prevent potentially serious scarring.
- Using the correct materials can prevent allergic reactions and greatly assist your piercings in healing properly.
- Proper placement and jewelry for piercings in your mouth can prevent such problems as erosion of gums or tooth enamel, chipped or fractured teeth, or even jawbone erosion.





Improperly fitted jewelry.



Properly fitted jewelry.

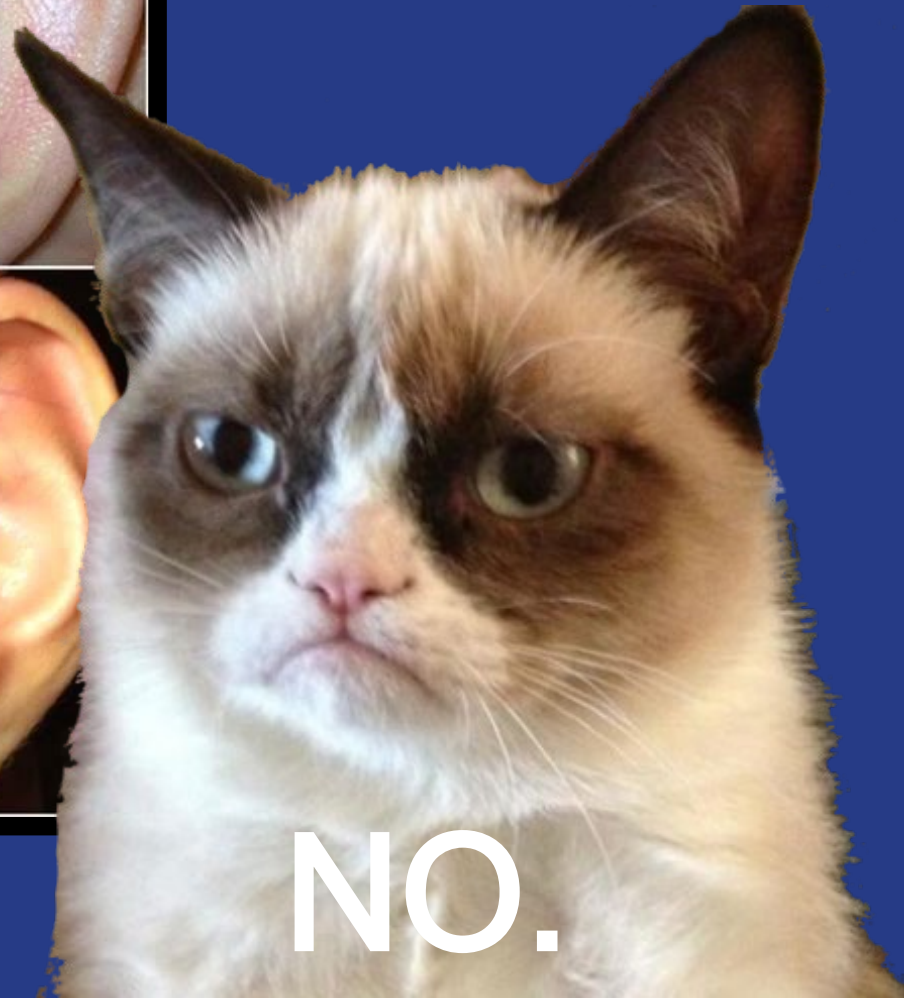


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Safe  
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means  
**quality  
jewelry!**



# Jewelry Finish & Threading

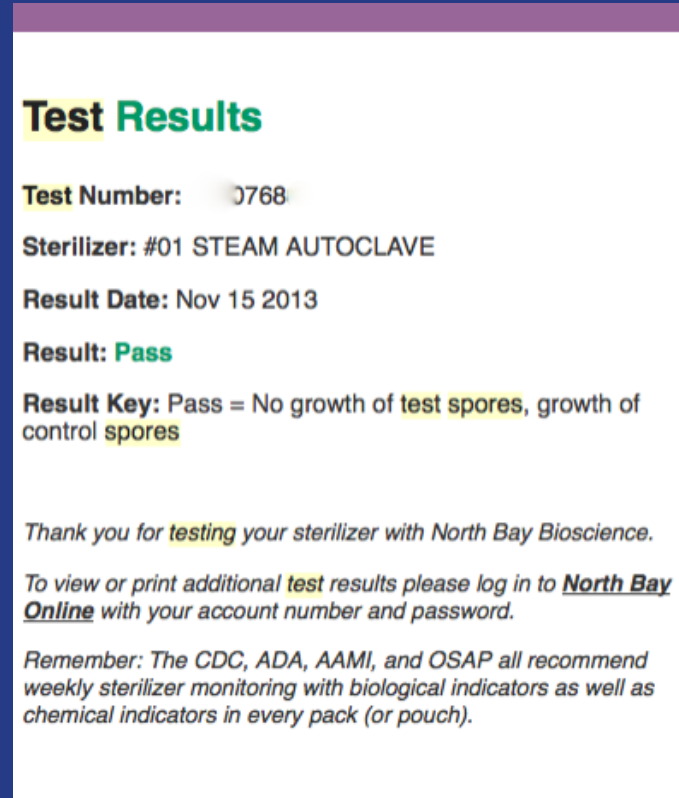


# What to look for in a piercer:

- Trust your instincts!
- Don't rush: wait for the right time and right piercer.
- Training
  - Do they have appropriate training?
  - Do they have continuing education?
  - Are they certified in Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR, and First Aid?
- Licensing
  - Are they licensed to perform piercings in your city or state?
- Portfolio
  - Are the piercings healthy looking and well placed?
  - Does the jewelry look like it "fits" the client appropriately?
- Aftercare
  - Will they provide you with written and verbal aftercare?
- Availability
  - Do they answer your questions and make you feel comfortable?

# What to look for in a studio:

- Trust your instincts!
- Don't be in a rush.
- Spore Tests
  - They should say PASS!
- Jewelry Selection
  - Wide variety of different lengths, diameters, and thicknesses.
- Cleanliness
  - Does the studio look clean and well kept?
- Sterilizer (Autoclave)
  - What type of autoclave do they have?



**Test Results**

Test Number: 0768

Sterilizer: #01 STEAM AUTOCLAVE

Result Date: Nov 15 2013

Result: **Pass**

Result Key: Pass = No growth of test spores, growth of control spores

*Thank you for testing your sterilizer with North Bay Bioscience.*

*To view or print additional test results please log in to **North Bay Online** with your account number and password.*

*Remember: The CDC, ADA, AAMI, and OSAP all recommend weekly sterilizer monitoring with biological indicators as well as chemical indicators in every pack (or pouch).*

# Types of Sterilizers

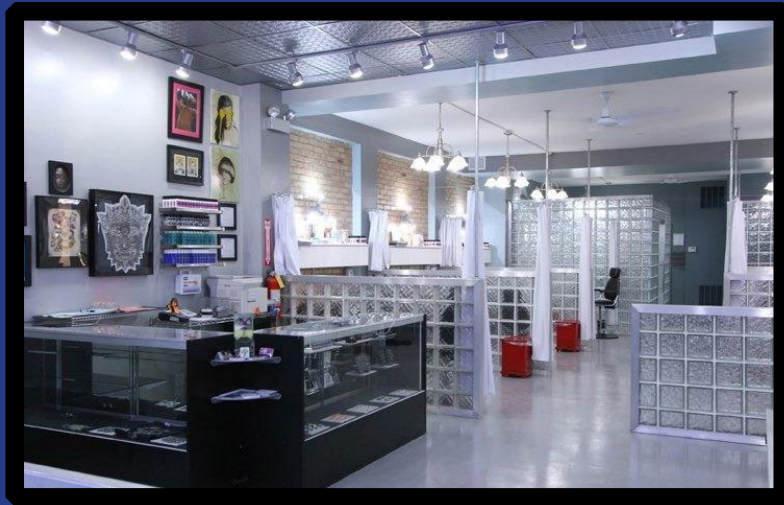


# Inappropriate Sterilizers



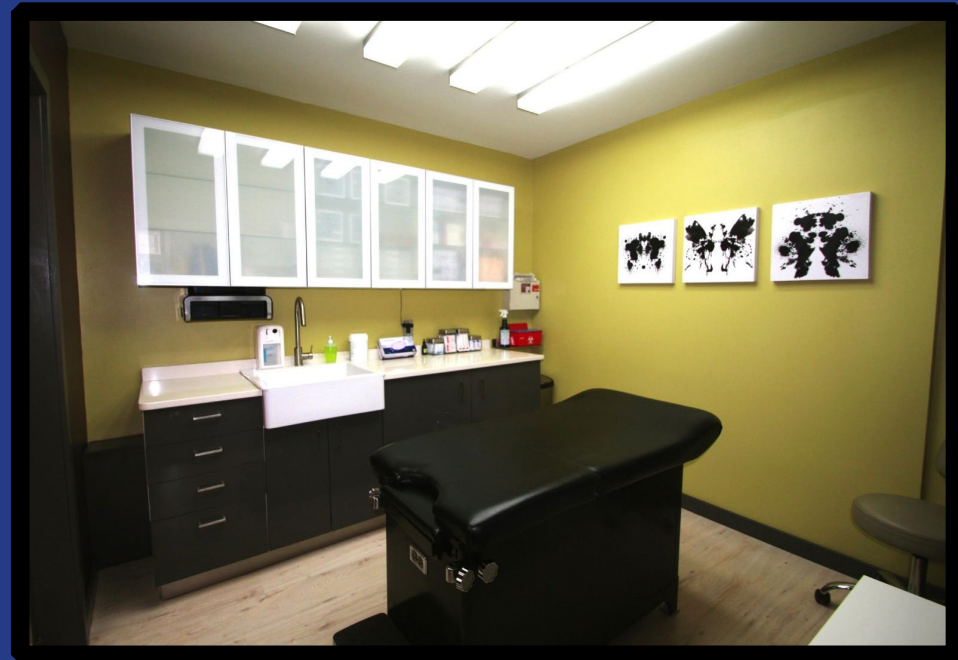
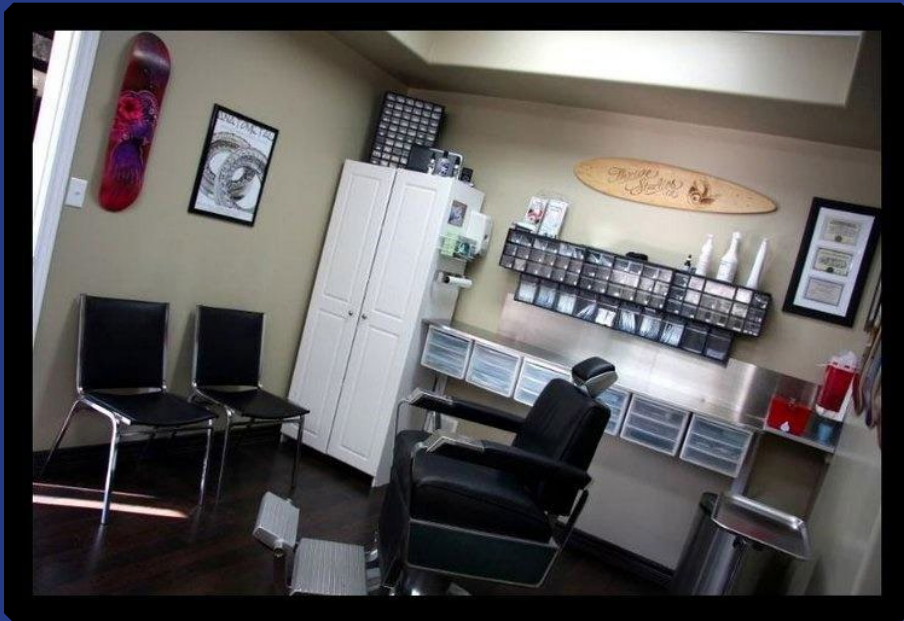
# Examples of Studios

## Lobbies



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## Procedure Rooms



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## Processing Rooms



# All Disposable Studios

A few shops have made their entire setup disposable:

Any tools used during the piercing are thrown away, rather than reprocessed and re-sterilized.



# So Remember:

- The Association of Professional Piercers is a non-profit organization, whose members can be found through [www.safepiercing.org](http://www.safepiercing.org)
- Unsafe piercings can lead to negative consequences, including allergies, scars and potentially deadly infections.
- There are many things a qualified practitioner will consider to ensure your safety. These include: proper skin preparation, appropriate placement, jewelry sizing and fitting, and provide quality jewelry.
- Safe piercers have proper training, licensing, and portfolios. They provide complete aftercare information and make you feel comfortable.
- Safe studios are clean and orderly with autoclaves, spore test results, and a wide jewelry selection.
- Trust your gut!

# Contact the APP

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