

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Corrections

Article 12.—Conduct and Penalties

44-12-103. Tattoos, body piercing, and body markings.

(a) Inmates shall not place on or remove from, or allow to be placed on or removed from their body any tattoo or body marking, nor shall they place on or remove from the body of another inmate any tattoo or body marking. Removal or alteration of tattoos or body markings shall be performed by a medical officer after written approval has been given by the warden.

(b) Inmates shall not pierce their own bodies or the body of another inmate. Inmates shall not allow their bodies to be pierced by another inmate. Any cosmetic piercing of an inmate's body shall be performed by a physician, dentist, or other medical personnel exempted from licensure requirements according to K.S.A. 65-1941 and amendments thereto, after written approval has been given by the warden. Cosmetic piercing shall be permitted only upon a showing of medical necessity certified by a physician or dentist.

(c) Inmates shall not maintain an existing body piercing hole or opening.

(d) Violation of this regulation shall be a class II offense.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 75-5210; effective May 1, 1980; amended Feb. 15, 2002; amended July 13, 2007.)

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