

Information for teachers on Tattoos



There is an increasing popularity of 'body art' and young people are keen to be seen with tattoos.



Under the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 it is a criminal offence to tattoo a child under the age of 18.



Any tattoo artist registered or unregistered found tattooing a child under the age of 18 could face criminal charges and parents who give their consent could also face criminal prosecution. Anyone who is aware of a child under the age of 18 being tattooed should contact the police.



There is a concern that more people are turning to 'back street' operators which could lead to a spread in diseases such as HIV, septicaemia and hepatitis.



Equipment for tattooing is readily available on the internet and young people may be tempted to have a go at tattooing themselves or getting a friend to do it for them. This could result in the spread of disease as they may not be following the standards that registered tattooists are required to follow.



We are also asking you to report unregistered operators to us. Information can be given by telephone to 01452 396396, by emailing heretohelp@gloucester.gov.uk or by using the 'report it' facility on the city council website at www.gloucester.gov.uk

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