



BEE TATTOOS

A Terms of Service outlining how BeeTattoos operates and how we deliver our service & what to expect:

Privacy Policy: Bee Tattoos

1. Who We Are

Bee Tattoos is a professional tattoo studio committed to protecting your personal data. We are registered as a **Tier 1 Data Controller** with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). For any questions regarding this policy, please contact us directly at the studio.

2. Information We Collect

To provide our services safely and legally, we collect the following information via our Health Questionnaire:

- **Identification:** Full name, date of birth, home address, and a record of the ID provided for age verification.
- **Special Category (Health) Data:** Detailed medical history (e.g., blood disorders, heart conditions, allergies, HIV/AIDS status, and current medications).
- **Wellbeing & Lifestyle:** Recent consumption of alcohol or recreational drugs, and information regarding recent meals or illness.
- **Tattoo History:** Information about previous tattoo experiences and any complications.

3. Why We Process Your Data

We process your data for the following essential purposes:

- **Client Safety:** To assess medical suitability and minimize risks such as fainting, infection, or adverse reactions.
- **Legal Compliance:** To meet the requirements of the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 and local authority licensing byelaws.
- **Insurance & Legal Defense:** To maintain professional indemnity insurance and establish a justifiable defense against potential legal claims.

4. Lawful Bases for Processing

Under UK GDPR, we rely on these legal grounds:

- **Contractual Necessity:** To provide the tattooing service you have requested.
- **Legal Obligation:** To verify legal age (18+) and comply with Health & Safety regulations.
- **Explicit Consent:** We obtain your signed, explicit consent to process sensitive health data specifically for your safety.

5. Data Storage & Security (The Hybrid Model)

We prioritize the security of your physical records through a dedicated storage lifecycle:

- **On-Site:** Active files for today's appointments are kept in a lockable "Day Box" at the artist's station.
- **In Transit:** Records are moved weekly in an opaque, locked transit bag directly from the studio to a secure private office.
- **Archiving:** Completed files are stored in a locked container within a secure, private room for long-term protection, reducing the risk of unauthorized access in a shared building.

6. Retention & Your Rights

- **Retention:** We are legally and contractually required by our insurers to retain health and consent records for **6 years** (plus one year to accommodate late-filed claims) following your last appointment.
- **Right to Erasure:** While you have the right to request the deletion of your data, this is not an absolute right. We may refuse deletion requests during the 6-year retention period where the data is necessary for the **establishment or defense of legal claims**.
- **Complaints:** If you are unhappy with how we handle your data, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at www.ico.org.uk.
