

## What We Do...

- Advocate for tattooists and the tattoo trade with regard to regulation and legislation
- Provide a professional association for tattoo artists and other interested parties
- Offer a thorough bloodborne pathogens training course titled, Preventing Disease Transmission in Tattooing
- Encourage tattooists to meet and exceed health and safety standards set by regulatory agencies by defining and teaching Best Practices
- Assist the public, tattooists, legislators, and regulatory agencies by providing accurate, up-to-date health and safety information regarding tattooing
- Provide health and safety, business practice, and tattooing technique education to tattooists
- Act as a voice for the trade by providing opinions to the media when requested or in response to inaccurate media coverage on tattooing
- Offer education to students, healthcare professionals and other interested groups

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[safe-tattoos.com](http://safe-tattoos.com)

Preventing Disease  
Transmission in Tattooing  
*ONLINE COURSE*  
[tattoosafety.org](http://tattoosafety.org)

*Ignorance is MORE Expensive  
than Education*

## ALLIANCE OF PROFESSIONAL TATTOOISTS, Incorporated

*A 501(C)(6) Nonprofit  
Professional Business League  
representing  
Tattoo Professionals*

## ORIGINS

In 1992, a group of concerned tattooists recognized the need to address health and safety issue with tattooing. As the popularity of tattooing grew, so did scrutiny from health officials and lawmaker, calling for consistent safety practices through the trade. The founding members created a tattooist driven organization to unite the trade and to educate all stakeholders on safety standards and best practices.

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• Since 1992 •

## What We Don't Do...

- The APT does not write legislation or regulations
- The APT does not police tattooists or the tattoo trade, although the APT will assist in resolving complaints involving its members and respond appropriately to those falsely claiming membership in APT
- The APT does not license or certify tattooists
- The APT does not dictate tattooing techniques or aftercare procedures
- The APT does not involve in issues related to piercing, branding, scarification, micro-blading or other body modifications

## Who We Are...

The APT is a professional business league with an international membership base. Since 1992, we continue to be a nonprofit, voluntary alliance dedicated to promoting advances in tattooing health and safety and to disseminating that information. The APT is governed by an elected board of directors made up of tattoo professionals and trade members. The APT freely shares this information to help members, and, in turn, other tattoo artists, healthcare professionals, legislators, health inspectors and the public get the best and most up-to-date information on tattooing health and safety.

