

Steadfast Tattoo Co.

Code of Ethics for Tattoo Artists

At Steadfast Tattoo Co., we believe that tattooing is more than a service—it's a sacred collaboration between artist and client. As professionals entrusted with creating permanent art on human bodies, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of integrity, respect, and care.

This Code of Ethics applies to all tattoo artists and contractors working under the Steadfast Tattoo Co. name. It reflects our collective commitment to our clients, our craft, our colleagues, and our community.

1. Respect for Clients

- Treat every client with kindness, dignity, and patience—regardless of appearance, background, gender identity, orientation, or beliefs.
- Never discriminate or refuse service on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, ability, size, or sexual orientation.
- Provide honest, professional advice with the client's long-term satisfaction and well-being in mind.
- Prioritize the client's health, safety, and comfort at every step of the process.
- Maintain client confidentiality and never share personal or identifying information or photographs without informed consent.

2. Commitment to Clean and Safe Practices

- Adhere to all bloodborne pathogen protocols, health regulations, and licensing requirements at all times.

- Use only single-use, pre-sterilized equipment and disposable products in accordance with shop policy.
- Ensure that all workstations are clean, wrapped, and disinfected before and after each session.
- Wear appropriate PPE and maintain rigorous personal hygiene while working.
- Immediately report any health, safety, or exposure incidents to the owner or manager.

3. Professional Conduct

- Act with honesty, integrity, and professionalism at all times—on and off the clock.
- Communicate clearly, calmly, and respectfully with clients and coworkers, even in challenging situations.
- Avoid gossip, drama, or behavior that undermines others or creates a toxic work environment.
- Uphold boundaries with clients and colleagues; do not engage in flirtation, inappropriate contact, or manipulative behavior.
- Never work while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substance that impairs your judgment or abilities.

4. Artistic Integrity

- Honor the client's vision while offering expert guidance to ensure a successful, long-lasting design.
- Never knowingly copy another artist's work without permission or acknowledgment.
- Deliver the highest quality work possible while respecting your own limits and areas of expertise.
- Continue learning, practicing, and growing as an artist through study, feedback, and humility.

5. Responsibility to the Studio

- Respect shared equipment, supplies, and communal spaces.
- Maintain a clean and professional workstation.
- Arrive prepared and on time for all appointments and walk-in shifts.
- Communicate proactively about scheduling conflicts or time off.
- Contribute positively to the overall atmosphere and mission of Steadfast Tattoo Co.

6. Accountability

- Accept responsibility for your actions, behavior, and performance.
- Welcome constructive feedback and be willing to grow through honest reflection.
- Speak up about unethical behavior, unsafe practices, or concerns in the workplace.
- Uphold this code not because it is enforced, but because it reflects our shared values.

Signed:

All artists will acknowledge this Code of Ethics upon onboarding and are expected to uphold it in all professional settings. Violations may result in review, mediation, or termination of contract depending on severity.

Signed: _____

Date: _____