

# COMPLIANCE SECTION

# CONSUMER SAFETY BRANCH



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# TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING



## FY-24 ANALYSIS FINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Pursuant to 25 Texas Administrative Code 1.553(a)(1)(2)

# Duties and Responsibilities

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Tattoo and Body Piercing branch is responsible for ensuring tattoo and body piercing studios, including temporary locations, comply with minimum licensing standards established to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Texas. To accomplish this objective, inspections of studios and temporary locations are conducted. If voluntary compliance with the licensing standards cannot be achieved, the branch recommends regulatory actions when necessary. In addition, the branch provides technical assistance to its licensees, answers inquiries from consumers and investigates complaints involving possible violations of the State requirements for operating tattoo and body piercing studios.

Any business engaged in tattooing (for example, the practice of producing an indelible mark or figure on the human body by scarring or inserting pigments under the skin using needles, scalpels or other related equipment) or body piercing (for example, the practice of creating an opening in a person's body, other than the earlobe, to insert jewelry or another decoration) must be licensed with DSHS.

In addition, temporary locations at which tattooing or body piercing is performed for not more than seven days in conjunction with a single event or celebration must be licensed with DSHS.

# Duties and Responsibilities Continued

**Additional information can be assessed by visiting:**

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tattoo-body-piercing-studios/guidance-documents-tattoo-body-piercing-studios/frequently-asked-questions-from>



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# Tattoo and Body Piercing License Types

**2505 - Tattoo Studio**

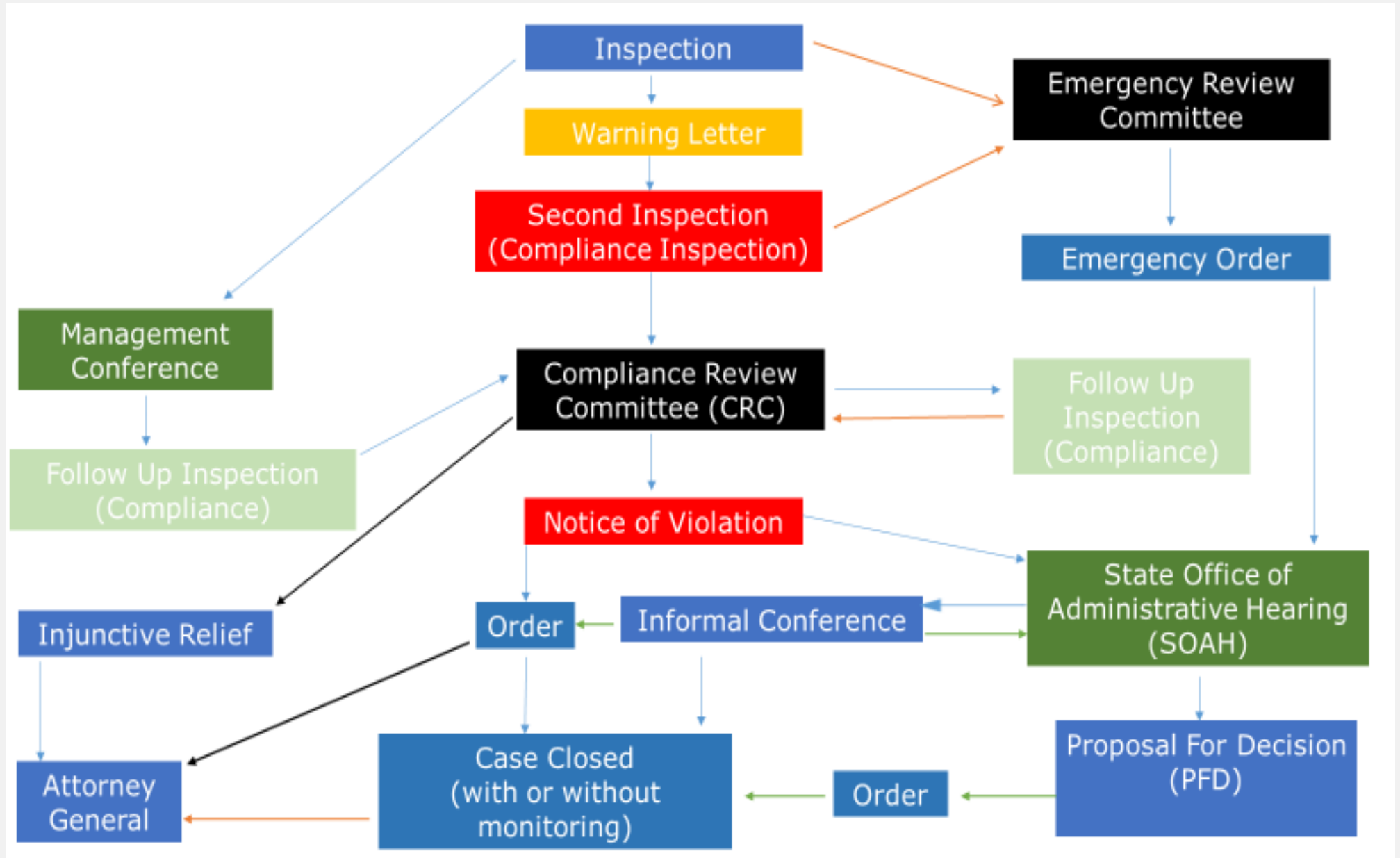
**2507 - Body Piercing Studio**

**2508 - Tattoo Temporary Event**

**2509 – Body Piercing Temporary Event**



# Tattoo and Body Piercing Compliance Flowchart



# Cases referred to Compliance

**Twenty-three (28) cases were referred in total**

CRC	28
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# Outcomes

## After triage at CRC:

- Twenty Two (22) Notice of Violation (NOV) letters were cleared to be issued
- Six (6) cases were referred to the Attorney General





# Informal Conference (IC)

**Eleven (11) cases were held at an IC**



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# State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)

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- ❖ Two (2) cases was referred to SOAH.
- ❖ All Respondents were offered the opportunity to have their case(s) presented before an Administrative Law Judge.

SOAH REFERRAL	2
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# Orders

**Sixteen (16) Orders were processed**

**Acceptance - 4**

**Agreed – 11**

**Default- 1**



# Attorney General (AG) Referrals

- Six (6) cases was referred to the AG for further administrative and/or judicial remedy because the Respondent failed to and/or refuse to comply with a final order.



# FY24 Cases Closed With or Without Monitoring

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Cases that have a finalized Order or an Agreement are either:

- Twelve (12) cases were closed with monitoring
  - Terms and conditions to be met are still pending
- Fifteen (15) cases were closed without monitoring
  - All terms and conditions are met

# Grand Total Penalty Amount Assessed

**\$27,600.00**



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For more information regarding Compliance Consumer Safety policies and protocols, please click on the link below:

[Compliance Section - Consumer Safety Branch Procedure Manual.pdf - All Documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#)



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