

## HEPATITIS B IMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with OSHA requirements, employers must make hepatitis B vaccinations available at no cost to employees who have an occupational exposure to the hepatitis B virus (HBV). Body art practitioners are required to submit evidence of current hepatitis B immunity in conjunction with registration materials. This includes records of hepatitis B vaccinations and booster shots. If a practitioner declines to be vaccinated against HBV, he/she must submit a signed declination agreement from his/her employer. A sample declination statement is provided below.

Contact Occupational Safety & Health Administration ([www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)) for additional information.

### HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

#### EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination for (employee's full name): \_\_\_\_\_

"I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me."

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Employee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_