

New York State Park Police

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Candidates must comply with the New York State Park Police Tattoo policy which requires all members to present a neat and professional appearance at all times. While on-duty or representing the New York State Park Police in any official capacity, the following are guidelines for tattoos:

- a. Tattoos, brands and/or body art that are unprofessional or offensive are prohibited. Examples shall include but are not limited to:
 1. Depictions of violence or criminal activity;
 2. Sexually explicit/vulgar art, words, or profane language;
 3. Symbols likely to incite a strong negative reaction in any group, e.g., swastikas, etc.;
 4. Initials, symbolism, or acronyms that represent criminal or historically oppressive organizations or activities, e.g., AB, KKK, SS, street gang names, numbers and/or symbols.
- b. Tattoos on the head, neck, ears, scalp or face are prohibited. Exceptions to this subsection may be made for members who have permanent makeup (e.g., eyeliner/eyebrows). All exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Director of Law Enforcement or designee.
- c. Tattoos on hands or fingers are prohibited, with the exception of a single band tattoo that resembles a wedding ring on the traditional ring finger that a wedding ring is worn, as long as the tattoo band is no more than 3/8 of an inch in width on the finger.
- d. Brands and/or body art are subject to the same requirements, limitations and prohibitions applicable to tattoos.
- e. Ultra-violet (UV) tattoos - any tattoo only visible or apparent with the use of ultra-violet lights must adhere to the requirements listed above.
- f. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

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