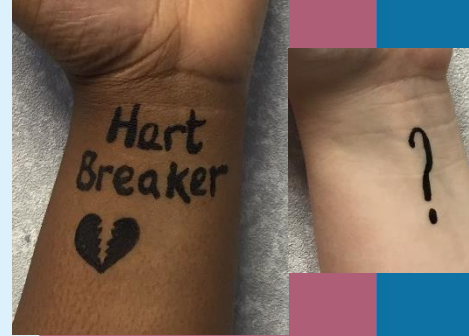


KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT
ILLEGAL TATTOO

The law states that tattoo is illegal if you are under the age of 18 even with the permission of a parent or carer.

- Tattooists and their studios in Sheffield have to be registered and inspected by Sheffield City Council and have to be licensed to legally tattoo.
- If you get tattooed underage, chances are it will not be from a reputable studio, and the work is likely to be below standard.
- 'Scratchers' are people who are not registered therefore they do tattoos illegally. This often takes place in their homes so there are no protective measures of what is going on in that place or hygiene checks. The standard of the work varies as they are not an official business and might not have competitive/ acceptable standards to their work.



If a tattooist gives you a tattoo and KNOWS you are underage, he/she is breaking the law. If you lie about your age/date of birth (or show fake ID), the tattooist may try to use that as a defence.

Scratchers can also lie to you and offer a free or cheap tattoo, which could possibly lead to exposing yourself to risk of harm. You may be putting yourself in danger. Is it worth the risk?

Removal of a tattoo

- 1) Tattoo removal is often unsuccessful.
- 2) The lasered skin could look patchy and worse than before.
- 3) Removal can be very expensive with prices ranging from £50-£250 per treatment. You may need to have several sessions.

THINK ABOUT THE FACTS:

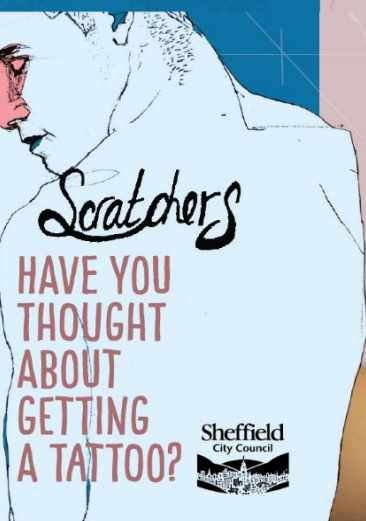
Are they registered?

Are they using sterile needles and safe inks?

Are you putting yourself at risk?

Are they going against the law?

If they are doing tattoos at home, do they have the right to? Is it registered? Is it safe?



The Truth About Scratchers