

TATTOO GUIDELINES

MARINE CORPS BULLETIN 1020



*Red denotes areas where tattoos are not authorized

*All Marines may have unlimited tattoos on any area of the body that is covered by the properly fitting standard PT Uniform

**Officers are limited to no more than four visible in the standard PT uniform

Tattoo Placement

Head or Neck: Not Authorized

Hands, Fingers, and Wrists: Not Authorized***

Upper Arms: At least 2 inches above the elbow

Lower Arms: At least 1 inch below elbow / 2 inches above the wrist

Upper Legs: At least 2 inches above the knee

Lower Legs: At least 2 inches below the knee

Tattoo Content

Bands: No greater than 3 inches visible or the width of the individual Marine's four fingers extended and joined, whichever is greater

*****Wedding Band Tattoos:** No more than 3/8 inches on one finger

Single Tattoos: Authorized when completely covered by your hand with your fingers extended and joined with the thumb flush against the side of the hand

Collection of Tattoos: Authorized when completely covered by your hand with your fingers extended and joined with the thumb flush against the side of the hand