

Lesson 3.

If You Were Prime Minister.

Think what you would need to consider.

Here are some statements regarding Body Piercing.
Sort them into **facts** and **opinions**.

There is no age limit for body piercings except for 'intimate' piercings.

No training is needed before a person is allowed to give a piercing.

Local Authorities have the option whether or not to require registration in their area.

I wouldn't want an untrained amateur to do a minor operation, the same applies to a piercer.

No qualifications are needed to become a body piercer.

Some piercers would welcome a nationally recognised qualification.

We want to be able to have piercings knowing what we are doing is safe.

The government doesn't want to overburden local authorities.

Aftercare should be made clear.

Some piercers don't pierce their customers safely, which could lead to a serious infection, injury and/or permanent scarring.

Parents need to be involved in procedures on their children.

Serious infections and diseases can be passed on through incompetent piercers and unhygienic piercing studio conditions.

The medical history of certain individuals can put them at a higher risk of harm when having a piercing.

Some MP's in parliament think that more evidence is needed before any more changes are made to the current body piercing regulation.

You should be able to get the same service whichever piercer you choose to go to.

A piercer should always talk you through any medical conditions that may make piercing risky for you and advise you to see your doctor before going ahead with a piercing.

Use the statements to help you put forward an argument to persuade the government on what you think the legislation on body piercing should be.