- **Do you use a gun?**

-No. Guns are horrible for piercings. They are made of plastic and you cannot properly sterilize them. They also use a sharpened earring to rip through your skin. It's way more painful than it needs to be, it's incredibly traumatic for the skin, and causes issues with healing especially considering the cheap jewelry they are used with. If you're using a piercing gun on cartilage, you run the risk of shattering your cartilage. You also cannot see your marks well, so you're just guessing where you're piercing.
-What you want is a sharp tri-bevel hollow needle meant for piercings. These are sharp and meant for achieving clean cuts. This makes the procedure less painful and more accurate since the piercer can clearly guide the needle to hit the marks. It's almost like when you accidentally cut yourself with a sharp knife and don't notice right away because of how sharp the knife was. You want the piercing tool to be sharp. I follow the standards set by the Association of Professional Piercers (SafePiercing.Org) regarding piercing procedures. Everything is always brand new and properly sterilized. Each customer is guaranteed a brand new needle per hole.