



TATTOO CARE

Your tattoo journey isn't over when you leave our studio. Your new tattoo will take 7 to 14 days to heal (depending on the person) and the care you are now responsible for will directly effect its outcome. Please ignore your friends suggestions, we are the experts and know how your tattoo should heal. We do guarantee our work, but not from customer negligence.

- Remove the bandage from your new tattoo in 1–2 hours. The bandage, at this point, may stick. **DO NOT RIP IT OFF!** It is not a band-aid, nor a test of tolerance. Wet the bandage with warm water and gently remove it.
- Gently wash the tattooed area with plain bar soap, carefully removing all residue (blood, paper, etc.). Gently pat the area dry with a towel. **DO NOT USE A WASH CLOTH!** This process should be done with **CLEAN** hands and repeated at least twice daily for the duration of the healing period.
- Do not re-bandage the tattoo; it needs to breath. In the morning, apply a **FRAGRANCE FREE** hand lotion such as Lubriderm® after washing your tattoo. Apply sparingly – more is not better. Do this a couple of times daily after washing your new tattoo. If you apply the lotion to the area and it seems to be “excessively shiny” you have used too much lotion. Pat off any excess with a clean towel.
- **NOTE: DO NOT USE ANY MEDICATED OR PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS.** They will only clog your pores, cause you skin to break out, and harm the outcome of your tattoo.
- During the healing period, avoid direct sunlight completely, including and especially tanning beds. **AFTER THE TATTOO IS HEALED** always apply a strong sunblock. If you must use a tanning bed, cover the tattoo completely.
- During the healing process, **DO NOT IMMERSE YOUR TATTOO IN WATER.** Salt water, chlorine, the lake, river or any other body of water should be completely avoided. Showering is fine, just **DON'T SOAK IT IN WATER.** This may cause the tattoo to scab heavily and cause an undesirable outcome to your new tattoo.
- Wear loose fitting clothing over the tattoo during the healing period. Remember, it needs to breath, and tight fitting clothing may rub or scratch the tattoo – effecting the tattoos outcome.
- Your new tattoo will form a scab. **DO NOT PICK AT IT.** This will cause color loss! You should allow scabs to fall off naturally. After a few days the tattoo will begin to itch. **DO NOT SCRATCH IT!** Gently smack the area to relieve itching and, most importantly, don't use any over the counter anti-itch cream.