

# Tattoo Aftercare

## **NEVER UNWRAP YOUR TATTOO OR TOUCH YOUR BANDAGE WHILE IN OUR STUDIO**

Leave your fresh tattoo bandaged for the first 2-6 hours.

Do NOT leave your tattoo wrapped over night.

With clean hands, carefully remove the bandage. If the bandage is sticking to your tattoo, you may find wetting the bandage to be helpful.

Wash the tattoo thoroughly (but without scrubbing) using only a fragrance free anti-bacterial soap, your clean fingertips and clean running water.

Rinse the tattoo thoroughly and gently pat dry using a clean disposable towel. Do NOT use a wash cloth or anything abrasive to wash your tattoo (No scrubbing).

Never wipe your tattoo while drying (use gentle pats only).

Never re-bandage your tattoo.

After each cleaning, apply a small amount of lotion to the tattooed area.

The lotion should be gently and thoroughly massaged into the tattooed area. We suggest a mild, fragrance free lotion for healing tattoos (check ingredients for possible allergies). The use of other products may cause complications during healing. If you would like to use something different please consult your artist first.

Continue cleaning your new tattoo this way 2-3 times daily for the first 2 weeks unless otherwise specified by your artist.

It is advisable to wear clean, older, loose fitting, comfortable clothing over the tattooed area during the first night, as your new tattoo may secrete excess pigment and/or blood. Tattoos normally stain sheets or clothes during the first night.

During the healing process, it is normal for your tattoo to feel itchy. It is also normal for small pieces of skin containing pigment to flake off, especially during cleaning. Do not attempt to intentionally remove these. NEVER PICK OR SCRATCH, Try to wear soft, loose and comfortable clothing over your tattoo while its healing.

## **PROPER HEALING OF THE TATTOO IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

For the duration of surface healing (approx. 2 weeks):

ALWAYS keep your tattoo and surrounding area clean.

DO NOT touch your tattoo other then during cleaning.

DO NOT submerge the tattooed area in any type of standing water.

DO NOT pick or scratch your tattoo.

DO NOT expose your tattoo to direct sunlight or tanning beds.

After the tattoo surface is healed always use a strong sunblock.

Tattoos generally heal quickly. If you have any complications, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ARTIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**DISCLAIMER:** These guidelines are based on a vast professional experience, common sense, research and extensive clinical practice. This is not to be considered a substitute for medical advise from a doctor. Be aware, however, That many doctors have no specific training or experience regarding tattooing and may not be educated on how to best assist you.