



TATTOO AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

The first few days and weeks are probably the most important for your new tattoo. Make sure you care for it properly. Below is the healing procedure and do's and don'ts we recommend. Because each individual is different, this may not always be the best recommendation for each person. We recommend you follow the advice of your tattoo artist or seek the advice of a doctor first.

- 1 Leave the bandage that you received after the tattoo on for 2 to 10 hours. Tattoos will lose, this is a normal part of the healing process. The bandage is there to keep the airborne bacteria and any other contaminants in the environment from invading your wound.
- 2 Make sure your hands have been washed thoroughly before you remove the bandage.
- 3 After removing the bandage, cleanse the tattoo area with soap and water. Do not scrub the tattoo with a brush or towel (this should not be done until The Tattoo has healed). The idea behind the washing is to illuminate any dead cells they have been allowed to accumulate on the surface.
- 4 Dry the tattooed area by gently patting the area with a clean, sterile towel.
- 5 Let the tattoo dry completely (approximately 10 minutes).
- 6 Lightly rub on moisturizing hand lotion such as Curel.
- 7 You do not need to re-bandage the tattoo at any time during the healing process.
- 8 Repeat steps above for 3 to 4 days, approximately six times a day. The idea behind this part of the process is to not let The Tattoo dry out.

After a few days you may notice some peeling and possibly a little scabbing. Excess of scabbing can indicate a poorly done Tattoo, but some scabbing maybe normal. It is at this point in the healing process that or Tattoo will begin to Itch. RESIST the urge to satisfy your desire to scratch, rub, or pick at The Tattoo. Remember – the first few days and weeks are probably the most important for your new tattoo. Make sure you care for it properly. Consult a physician if you experience symptoms such as excessive elevated body temperature, swelling, redness, yellow or green discharge, fever, tenderness of the procedure site, purulent drainage from the procedure site, red streaks going from the procedure site toward the heart.

Some final DO's and DON'Ts during the next two to six weeks of healing.

DO NOT:

- 1 Swimming in pools, lakes or hottubs, No recreational water activities.
- 2 Use hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol on your tattoo.
- 3 Itch, Pick, or scratch the tattoo.
- 4 Participate in activities that will make you sweat.
- 5 Gardening.
- 6 Have contact with animals at the procedure site.

DO:

- 1 Stay out of the sun until your tattoo has healed completely.
- 2 Apply sunblock to Tattoo after it has healed whenever it is exposed to the sun to protect it from damaging ultraviolet rays.
- 3 Refrain from all recreational water activities until healing is complete.