

## **TATTOO AFTER CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

**Aftercare is as important as actually getting the tattoo done. Your tattoo is placed on your skin correctly and from then on it is your responsibility to take care of it afterwards. If the aftercare instructions are ignored and not followed, the artist and studio may not be held liable for any infections or problems that may occur due to the client's negligence. I am a phone call away, so if you have any concerns please contact me directly.**

1. Keep the bandage on for 2-3 hours.
2. After 2-3 hours, remove bandage carefully (if it sticks, wet bandage and remove slowly.)
3. Once uncovered, wash with warm mild soap and water (using fingertips), then wash three times per day for the next 7-14 days.
4. Use A&D ointment; apply a very thin layer as often as possible to prevent your tattoo from drying out. If it feels dry and tight, apply the ointment. **(If you put it on too heavy you will lose colour and definition. If it looks like it is beading or dripping, it is too thick).**
5. After a few days, it is perfectly normal for the skin on the tattoo to take on a cloudy appearance, followed by peeling for a short while (like sunburn.)
7. Never peel or pick any part of your tattoo. If you do, you will lose colour and it could result in additional expense in re-colouring. **(Any loose skin will work itself off without any help from you.)**
8. **DO NOT** use alcohol to clean tattoo.
9. **DO NOT** rub or scratch (if it itches, give sharp slap.)
10. **DO NOT** let tattoo dry out.
11. **DO NOT** expose to direct sunlight or tanning beds for two weeks. (After two weeks, you may use a sun block of a minimal SPF 30 to prevent burning or colour fading of your tattoo.)
12. **DO NOT** soak tattoo in sauna, steam bath, or bathtub for two weeks (yes, you may shower.)
13. **DO NOT** allow water to beat directly onto the tattoo while showering for at least one week.
14. **AVOID CHLORINE!!!** No swimming in pools, dams, rivers, or oceans for at least two weeks.
15. Remember that your tattoo is an open wound until it is completely healed. If you use the guidelines listed above (and a little common sense), in a short while, you will not even know it's there....except when you are showing it off. A lot of thought, planning, and a certain amount of discomfort has gone into your new tattoo. With just a little care, it will continue to look great for years to come!
16. Please use the ointment suggested by us (unless you have had problems in the past with it) other tattoo shops might suggest different products for their customers that may not work the same with our inks.

***Our customers are important to us so we would rather answer a seemingly unimportant question than have a devastating result.***