

General Aftercare

TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCINGS

are minor wounds to the skin's surface.

The skin is an amazing organ that takes extremely great care of itself. All you need to do is help it along. Here are a few basic things you need to know.

AS with any intrusion to the skin you run the risk of infection. Infection is caused by many things and a lot of times an irritation is mistaken for an infection.

TOUCHING your piercing at times, other than cleaning, is the best way to spread infection. Always wash your hands prior to cleaning or applying aftercare.

DO NOT get your tattoo overly wet. You can wash it several times a day, just keep exposure short, dry immediately afterwards.

MINOR REDNESS is common in tattoos and piercings. You may also experience minor bruising.

IF you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to stop by or give us a call. We want your tattoo or piercing to heal to the best of its ability.

WE stand behind all of our services and touch-ups are **free** for **90 days**.

DO NOT trust the information from your friends or family. Failure on your part to care for your tattoo or piercing may result in extra costs for you.

Tattoo Aftercare

IN 2-4 HOURS remove bandage, take a hot shower, and wash tattoo with mild **antibacterial** hand soap. (Liquid Gold Dial Handsoap, for example.) Always use a clean paper towel to dry tattoo.

LET HOT WATER run over tattoo for 10-15 minutes. Keep water hot, this will help keep scabbing light.

DO NOT RE-BANDAGE!!!

CONTINUE to wash tattoo several times a day for the next week, and keep your tattoo clean.

TONIGHT start using **aquaphor ointment** 2-3 times daily. Use as little as possible, more is not always better.

KEEP SHOWERS SHORT AND SWEET, around 10-15 minutes for 5-7 days.

TATTOOS usually begin to flake in 3-5 days and lasts about 2-3 days. After flaking is done start using an unscented healing lotion as directed.

DO NOT pick, scratch, brush, or rub at flaking skin. let it come off naturally. if it itches **SLAP IT.**

THERE are many options for healing tattoos. Be sure to talk to your artist for approval of other aftercare products.

