

# 920 TATTOO COMPANY FAQs

## DOES IT HURT?

Yes it hurts, but it is tolerable and nothing you can't handle. It feels like scratch or a bad sunburn.

## CAN I GO SWIMMING AFTER BEING TATTOOED?

You want to wait at least three weeks before going swimming. This promotes good healing for your tattoo.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

This is one of our most frequently asked questions. It's a lot like asking how much a car costs. The answer is really going to depend on what you want. The shop minimum for tattoos is \$60. Pricing goes up from there. The size, location and the amount of detail for your tattoo will effect the price. Therefore the price may vary greatly from one tattoo to the next. Come in and ask your artist for an estimate if you need to know a price before you get started. **DO NOT** try to bargain with your tattoo artist like they're some vendor in a Indonesian night market. You wouldn't go to the grocery store or a restaurant and try to talk a clerk or a waiter into lowering the price. If all you have is a certain amount, ask the artist (preferably up front) if they can work with that budget. Your artist will try to work with you as best as they can. If they can't then wait and save up until you have the full amount. Bargaining in a tattoo shop is an exercise in bad taste, and the quickest way to tick your artist off. If you're tempted to bargain stop! If you cant afford the tattoo you want, talk to your artists and see if there's a way to work out a payment plan (multi session/ pay as you go) or wait and save up. If you settle for something else, or even a smaller version than you really want, you'll (probably) end up regretting it. Remember: "Good tattoos aren't cheap, cheap tattoos aren't good". People who "price shop" for tattoos end up with inferior tattoos- don't let that happen to you.

Our booking and deposit policies are changing as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. For each appointment booked, we will now be requiring a \$100 deposit. **ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, AND NON-TRANSFERABLE.** For a multi-session tattoo, we will require \$100 for each appointment scheduled. The client may use their \$100 deposit for each appointment, to cover a portion of the cost of each session. Or, if the client has multiple appointments and prefers, they may save their deposits, and apply the balance towards their final appointment's cost. Look at it as a downpayment for each appointment's tattoo time. We also will require our clients to provide us with 48 hours notice if they need to cancel, or reschedule their tattoo appointments. This is no different from similiar policies all dental, doctor, or cosmetic services follow. We invest a significant amount of time preparing for our client's tattoo appointments prior to thier sit. If the client does not provide us with 48 hours notice, they will lose their \$100 deposit for their appointment. If the client would like to reschedule at that time, we will require a new deposit, and their new appointment will be booked at the end of the schedule. Also, if a client no calls/no shows the day of their appointment, and have a large, multi-session tattoo scheduled, they will forfeit their entire deposit for all appointments made, and all additional appointments will be removed from the schedule. So, just give us a call, and let us know if you can't make it to your appointment a minimum of 48 hours ahead of time. That way our clients can keep thier deposit, and we have an opportunity to fill the time. It's a win-win. We understand these changes may seem harsh, but the goal is to enable more people to actually get tattooed. When we (Carrie and Steve) reserve time to do a tattoo for someone, we have told others we are not available. We have also prepared for the appointment, having produced a custom tattoo design. When we are not provided enough notice, it is very difficult to get another client to take the appointment. We would like to keep as full a schedule as possible to serve as many clients as possible each day. The changes we are making are intended to

ensure everyone scheduling tattoo time intends to keep their appointment, and to partially compensate us for our un-used time when they do not.

Tattoo artists DO NOT get paid an hourly wage - they earn a percentage of the money you pay for your tattoo. They depend heavily on tips to support themselves. If you receive exceptional service, please show your appreciation by tipping.

#### CAN I DRINK BEFORE OR AFTER GETTING TATTOOED?

Drinking Alcoholic beverages before a tattoo is prohibited.

As far as afterward, go right ahead. Have fun, but safely! Just remember if your tattoo still has a bandage on it, leave it alone. You can show your friends tomorrow - It will be there for the rest of your life.

#### WHEN CAN I GET MY TATTOO TOUCHED UP?

You will want to wait at least 1 1/2 to 2 months before you get your tattoo touched up. This will give your skin enough time to regenerate and will make your touch up very simple. Most tattoos will not require a touch up for many years, if ever.

#### WHAT KIND OF PAYMENT DO YOU ACCEPT?

We accept cash, VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, and gift certificates. The gift certificates make excellent gifts for Christmas, Birthday, Wedding, etc...

#### HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GET A TATTOO?

You have to be at least 18 to get a tattoo. NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### IS MY TATTOO WALK IN OR SHOULD I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

A walk in tattoo is something that can be drawn in 15-20 minutes or is ready to go. Generally things that are the size palm of your or smaller can be completed in under an hour.

If it does not meet walk in criteria then you should set up a consultation.

#### POST-PROCEDURE CARE

##### TATTOO CARE

1. Thoroughly wash your hands
2. Remove bandage after 2 to 4 hours, leave it on no longer than 12 hours.
3. Wash tattoo using warm water, fragrance free (unscented) white bar soap and your clean hands. Lather and rinse tattoo 4 to 5 times or until all ointment and dry blood is gone.
4. For the first day or 2 wash tattoo at least 3 to 4 times a day using same fragrance free soap and clean hands.
5. Around day 3 your tattoo will start to feel dry, began scabbing and/or flaking, and may itch, when these things start to happen you may begin using a small amount of fragrance free lotion

to soothe your tattooed skin as needed (lotions do nothing to heal your tattoo, only washing helps heal).

6. DO NOT pick or scratch any of the scabs or flakes on your healing tattoo (this could result in loss of color, and potentially cause skin infections).
7. Keep your fresh tattoo out of direct sunlight for 2 to 3 weeks while it is healing.
8. DO NOT submerge or soak your tattoo in water (NO swimming, baths or hot tubs, however showering is strongly encouraged).

PLEASE use common sense in taking care of your new tattoo! Keeping it clean and dry and moisturizing conservatively after washing, will ensure your tattoo heals quickly and will look solid for years to come!

DO NOT LISTEN to other's suggestions on after care, remember, we are professionals, and know how the tattoos we do will heal the best. If you have any questions, please call us. The only stupid question are that ones that go unasked, resulting in poor healing and bad experiences.

**TAKE CARE OF YOUR NEW TATTOO AND ENJOY!**

#### THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GETTING A TATTOO

- \* Eat a good meal at least two hours before getting tattooed. It makes the tattoo session a lot easier!
- \* Do not drink heavily or do drugs the night before or day of your tattoo.
- \* Avoid getting tattooed if the area of skin is dry, sun burned, has scars, or has acne.
- \* Apply lotion to area of skin being tattooed everyday for a week prior to tattoo.
- \* Make sure your body is healthy enough to be tattooed (No Cold, Flu, HIV, Diabetes etc.).
- \* Avoid getting tattooed before a vacation, joining Sports, life guarding, and going to a water park.
- \* Is your design choice able to be a good looking tattoo? It may not be able to be a tattoo if it is too small or has too much detail.
- \* Take your time when choosing your tattoo. It is going to be on your body for the rest of your life.

#### SAFETY GUIDELINES

##### **Safety First!**

At 920 Tattoo LLC we are just as concerned with the customer's safety as we are with our own. It all starts with proper hygiene: bathing, hand-washing, clean clothing etc.

Before and after every tattoo and piercing we clean our area with microbicidal spray. Every customer gets a one time use needle, when being tattooed and/or pierced. All needles are also sterilized before hand in our Hydroclave. The tools used in piercings and the tubes used for tattoos are all scrubbed until spotless, and then sterilized. Disposable ink caps are used to put your ink in, to ensure that every customer gets their own supply of ink.

Our artists wear disposable latex gloves. We also use disposable nitrile gloves that do not contain latex,

for those sensitive to latex.

We follow these basic guidelines very strictly, along with the universal precautions for cross-contamination. We are proud to say that we helped set the state of Wisconsin guidelines and regulations for tattooing and body piercing. If you have any addition questions please contact us! (920) 479-6144

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## Piercing Information

Listed below are our prices for piercings. This includes the starter jewelry and you are sent home with free after care products to care for your new piercing. The soap we give you to clean your new piercing is called Provon (which if you would like to purchase is \$5 dollars). We also carry a mouthwash for your oral and/or lip piercings (that you may also purchase for \$2 dollars). The healing times are included underneath the prices, remember these are the average healing times for each piercing. Everyones body reacts differently to piercings.

<b>Prices</b>		
<b>Navel \$65</b> <i>6 to 9 months</i>	<b>Monroe \$55</b> <i>6 to 10 Weeks</i>	<b>Tragus \$50</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>
<b>Nostril \$50</b> <i>3 to 4 months</i>	<b>Philtrum   Medusa \$55</b> <i>6 to 9 weeks</i>	<b>Anti-Tragus \$50</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>
<b>Bridge   Erl \$60</b> <i>4 to 7 months</i>	<b>Labret \$55</b> <i>6 to 9 weeks</i>	<b>Conch \$55</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>
<b>Septum \$60</b> <i>1 to 3 months</i>	<b>Lobes \$30</b> <i>for one - \$50 for both</i> <i>4 to 8 weeks</i>	<b>Snug \$55</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>
<b>Eyebrow \$50</b> <i>6 to 8 weeks</i>	<b>Cartilage \$50</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>	<b>Industrial \$65</b> <i>6 to 9 months</i>
<b>Anti-Brow \$56</b> <i>3 to 5 months</i>	<b>Rook \$50</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>	<b>Orbital \$65</b> <i>6 to 9 months</i>
<b>Lip \$50 for one - \$90 for both</b> <i>6 to 9 months</i>	<b>Daith \$55</b> <i>3 to 9 months</i>	<b>Tongue \$65</b> <i>4 to 8 weeks</i>
	<b>Nipples \$50 for one - \$90 for both</b> <i>Females: 6 to 9 months</i> <i>Males: 3 to 4 months</i>	

## Genital Piercings

**Hood \$90**

*4 to 8 weeks*

**Labia \$90**

*3 to 4 months*

**Prince Albert \$100**

*4 to 8 weeks*

**Pubic \$75**

*3 to 4 months*

**Frenum \$90**

*3 to 5 months*

## (GENERAL) PIERCING AFTERCARE

Aftercare products needed:

1. **Provon or Non-scented bar soap**
2. **Sea salt**

Basic Care for your new piercing:

**Twice a day** clean your piercing with Provon or non-scented bar soap(*the shower is often a convenient place to do this*):

- **Wash your hand thoroughly**
- **Use warm water on a cotton swab to soften and remove all dried matter from the jewelry and around the piercing.**
- **Place a small amount of Provon or non-scented bar soap** on your piercing and jewelry.
- **Rotate the jewelry through the piercing 3-4 times** to work the soap inside the piercing.
- **Using water, rotate the jewelry through the piercing**, rinsing all soap from the piercing and off the jewelry.
- **Gently pat dry your piercing using a clean paper towel or Q-tip.**

**Once a day**, soak your piercing in solution of warm water and sea salt:

- **Wash your hands thoroughly** (*preferably with non-scented bar soap*)
- **Dilute a pinch of sea salt into shot glass of water** (*preferably distilled/Do not use too much salt, it will counteract the effectiveness*)
- **Directly soak your piercing for about 5 minutes.**
- **Rinse and Dry**

**AVOID:**

- **Touching your piercing without prior hand washing**
- Oral and bodily fluid contact from others and the piercing area
- Harsh cleaning agents (*like rubbing alcohol and hydrogen peroxide*) and Anti-biotic ointments (*like Neosporin, Bacitacin, etc*)**do more harm** than good
- Submerging your piercing site in hot tubs, lakes or swimming pools for the first month
- Any sort of trauma
- **Tanning** (during healing)
  - The tissue around your piercing to become darker or lighter, this discoloration can be permanent
  - Extreme temperatures can disrupt the delicate new cells of a healing piercing
  - Tanning lotion or oil is a no-no inside your piercing

### **Normal Stages/General Info:**

- Soreness, tenderness in the first week or so (*navel piercings will be the first month*)
- Redness and a slight swelling (*especially on vascular tissue as the eyebrow*)
- **Dried discharge** (or “Crusties”) for the duration of the healing, **NEVER pick at these with dirty fingers!**
- Itchiness (*for a short period of time*)
- Healthy people heal faster, here are some things you can do to encourage a speedy and smooth healing experience:
  - Get plenty of rest, eat nutritious foods, and drink lots of water
  - If you smoke, the carbon monoxide causes the narrowing of the blood vessels. Smoking also suppresses our immune function.

### **ORAL PIERCING:**

After care products which work well for most people:

Tongue Piercings:

1. Mouthwash (Which you may buy at our shop or dilute 75% water and 25% Listerine)
2. Sea Salt

Note: The use of Listerine in full strength or other alcohol-based mouth rinse is not suggested due to the damaging effects on the newly formed tissue.

Cleaning procedures which work well for most people:

1. For the first 3-4 weeks, rinse with Listerine and water solution every time you eat, drink or smoke. Use approximately one capful and rinse for 60 seconds. Do this 4-6 times daily (6-10 times daily if you are a smoker).
2. Wash your hands with non-scented bar soap and check the tightness of your jewelry. Check tightness of jewelry at least twice daily. Talking and eating can sometimes cause the balls to loosen.
3. Rinse once daily with Sea Salt

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ORAL PIERCINGS:**

1. Keep your mouth to yourself for the next six weeks. This includes oral sex and deep, wet kissing. This also includes sharing smoking utensils, cigarettes and sodas.
2. It is a good idea to quit smoking during the healing time. If you can't quit, cut back greatly. The sucking motion (as with straws or hard candy) will put unneeded pressure on the piercing.
3. Do not play with your piercing while it is healing. This sort of excess abuse can result in a prolonged healing time, and cause the piercing to tear.
4. It is a good idea to get a new toothbrush at this time.

### **Tongue Piercing general info:**

1. You will likely experience tongue swelling with your piercing. Ibuprofen and ice can help reduce the swelling. It is a good idea to reduce the amount of talking you do, and reduce your intake of hot foods and beverages. Eating soft foods will reduce the amount of chewing and make eating more comfortable. Be sure to keep your fluid intake high, even though you may not be eating as much as you normally do. Also, it is a good idea, when showing your piercing to people, to simply open your mouth and let them look - do not try to manipulate the jewelry in and out of your mouth while you are healing.

2. You may notice a sore spot on the bottom of your mouth where the ball rests against your palate. This will toughen up, or callus, in a few days. If the irritation persists, contact your body piercer.
3. You may notice a divot on the top of your tongue where the ball rests. This is very normal and will go away.
4. Your tongue may develop a whitish or yellowish protrusion of skin out from the top or bottom of the piercing site. This is a normal part of the scar tissue forming, and will go away.
5. Your initial jewelry is oversized to accommodate swelling. After 2-4 weeks, you may come in and purchase a shorter piece of jewelry. Downsizing your jewelry will save wear and tear on your teeth and gum line.

## **LIP PIERCINGS:** (Labrets, Snakesbites, Philtrum, Monroe)

### **After care products needed:**

1. Non-scented bar soap or Provon
2. Sea Salt
3. Mouthwash (*diluted 75% water and 25% mouthwash, using any mouthwash that is alcohol-based is not suggested due to the damaging effects on the newly formed tissue.*)

### Basic Care for your new lip piercing:

**Twice a day** you will clean your piercing with Provon (*the shower is often a convenient place to do this*):

- **Wash your hands thoroughly**
- Use lukewarm water with a cotton swab to soften and remove all dried matter from the jewelry and around the piercing.
- Place a small amount of Provon (*or non-scented soap*) on your piercing and jewelry.
- Rotate the jewelry through the piercing 3-4 times to work the soap inside the piercing.
- Using water, rotate jewelry through the piercing, to ensure you rinse off all the soap from the piercing and off the jewelry.
- Gently dry your piercing using a clean paper towel or cotton swab. **Please pat dry**, to avoid snagging the jewelry.

**Once a day**, soak your piercing in a solution of lukewarm water and sea salt:

- **Wash your hands thoroughly**
- Dilute a pinch of sea salt into a shot glass or small cup of water (*preferably distilled/DO NOT use too much salt, it will counteract the effectiveness*)
- Directly soak your piercing for about 5 minutes.
- Rinse and Dry

### **For the first 3 to 4 weeks:**

- Rinse with mouthwash every time you eat, drink or smoke (*use approximately one capful and rinse for 60 seconds*).
- Rinse once daily with sea salt.

### **AVOID:**

- **Touching your piercing or around prior to hand washing!**
- Oral and bodily fluid contact from others and the piercing area, **KEEP YOUR MOUTH TO YOURSELF FOR 6 WEEKS** (*this includes oral sex, deep wet kissing, sharing smoking utensils, cigarettes, and drinks*)
- **Do not play with your piercing** while it is healing, this will result in a prolonged healing time, and

cause the piercing to tear.

- Harsh cleaning agents (*like rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide*), and anti-biotic ointments (*like Neosporin, Bacitacin*) **do more harm than good!**
- Submerging your piercing area in hot tubs, lakes, swimming pools for the first month of healing

**Normal Stages/General Info:**

- **Soreness, tenderness** in the first week or so
- Redness and slight swelling (*ibuprofen and ice can help reduce this*)
- Dried discharge for the duration of healing time
- Itchiness (*this is for a short period of time*)
- You may notice a sore spot where the ball rests, this will toughen up, or callus, in a few days. **IF this persists, contact us immediately**
- You may develop a whitish or yellowish protrusion of skin out from the top and bottom of the piercing site. This is a sign of the scar tissue forming, and will go away.
- Your initial jewelry is oversized to accommodate swelling, once it is fully healed you may put in a shorter jewelry. Downsizing will save on wear and tear on your teeth and gum line.

**Remember during the healing time for you new piercing DO NOT remove your jewelry. If you have any concerns or questions about your new piercing please stop in or give us a call. We will be more than happy to check out your piercing and see if there is anything wrong with it.**