



TATTOO AFTERCARE

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Please remember to always follow your Artist's specific aftercare instructions as different care techniques may be required or preferred by your Artist.

Please leave the bandage on until your Artist's recommended time frame. Bandages can be left on as long as overnight. Saniderm (clear/adhesive) bandages, can be left on as long overnight and up to 24 hours after tattoo appointment. Remove the bandage in the shower and wash with a mild unscented soap. Saniderm can be quite sticky and uncomfortable to peel off at times. Applying cooking oil (vegetable, olive, coconut etc.) around the edges will help lift the adhesive and remove the bandage. Peeling the Saniderm while keeping the skin taut can also help.

Wash tattoo in warm to hot water with mild unscented soap or dawn dish soap. DO NOT SCRUB! Re-apply recommended wraps, bandages or Saniderm for up to three days if directed by your artist to do so. Make sure your tattoo is clean and dry before re-application. Wash tattoo 1-3 times a day if needed or directed by your artist. Do not apply lotion until your tattoo has dried out and no longer weeping (anywhere from 2 or more days after washing and removing the initial or final bandage).

In the first couple days a small amount of color weeping is normal. Soft clothing and clean bedding provides protection, comfort and prevents other matter (pet dander etc.) from irritating your new tattoo.

Once your tattoo is no longer weeping, is dry, feels tight, and you are no longer applying any more bandages, wraps or Saniderm You may apply a small amount of unscented water based lotion (Aveeno, Lubriderm etc.) or Healing ointment Aquaphor as needed and up to 2-3 times a day. Applying lotion to soon could result in an irritated tattoo. Less is more when moisturizing your tattoo. Please use the smallest amount possible. Too much lotion can clog your pores, irritate your tattoo and increase the healing time.

Peeling, flaking, minor scabbing and itching are all normal parts of the healing process. DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH YOUR TATTOO! This can cause infection, color loss and increase your tattoo's healing time. High motion areas may take longer to heal (hands, feet, torso, joint areas etc.)

Avoid direct sunlight, lakes, tanning beds, hot tubs, sauna's, swimming pools and bathtubs. Keep your hair and your Pet's fur away of the freshly tattooed area.

If at any point during the healing process you have any questions or concerns, please call Empire Tattoo or contact your artist directly. Please, do not take advice of friends, family, internet or anyone other than your Tattoo Artist and Empire Staff.

Follow ups/Touch ups

Tattoos created at Empire are guaranteed and warranted a free touch up within 3 months of the initial or final tattoo appointment (excluding hands and feet.) Touch ups will be at the expense of the client if aftercare instructions given by their Artist was disregarded and the tattoo shows signs of damage due to poor healing from neglect. Once your tattoo is fully healed (2-4 weeks), please check in with your artist to determine if a touch up appointment is required.

Thank you for choosing Empire Tattoo! We look forward to seeing you again!