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Tattoo Aftercare

A tattoo will be permanent and can only be removed with a surgical procedure.

Leave the bandage that you receive after the tattoo on for 2 to 10 hours. Tattoos will ooze, this is a normal part of the healing process. The bandage is there to keep airborne bacteria and any other contaminants in the environment from invading your world.

Make sure your hands have been washed thoroughly before you remove the bandage.

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 washing it is to eliminate any dead cells that have been allowed to accumulate on the surface.

Dry the tattooed area by gently patting the area with a clean, sterile towel.
Let the tattoo dry completely (approximately 10 minutes).

Lightly Rub on ointment such as A&D.

You do not need to re-bandage.

Repeat steps above for 2 days, approximately 2 times a day. The idea behind this part of the process is to not let the tattoo dry out.

After Two days, get a non-scented lotion such as Vaseline brand or Cruel to keep the tattoo moisturized. After a few days you may notice some peeling and possibly a little scabbing - excessive scabbing can indicate a poorly done tattoo - some scabbing is completely normal. It is at this point in the healing process that a tattoo will begin to itch. **Resist the urge, satisfaction or desire to scratch, rub, or pick at the tattoo.** Remember, the first few days and weeks (for a new tattoo) 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 swelling, redness, yellow or green discharge, and fever.

Do

Stay out of the sun until your tattoo has healed completely.

Apply sunblock to the tattoo after it is healed whenever it is exposed to the Sun to protect it from damaging ultraviolet rays.

Do not

Go swimming or soak in a hot tub or bath

Use hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol on your tattoo.

Itch, pick, or scratch the tattoo

Participate in activities that will make you sweat

Outside the normal healing limits, any concerns that your body art has resulted in complications, infection or disease should be reported to:

Denver Department of Environmental Health
Public Health Inspections-Body Art
101 W. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80204
(720) 865-5401
phicomments@denver.org

You may also report to your artist any concerns about complications, infections or disease. The rules and regulations governing body art establishments and body artists, require that the body artist report those conditions to the department within 24 hours of discovery.