



# TATTOO AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

Always wash your hands with liquid unscented antibacterial soap and warm water before touching your tattoo.



- **Wash your hands** thoroughly prior to cleaning or touching your tattoo.
- **FOR GAUZE BANDAGE:** After 2-3 hours remove the bandage; using fingertips wash gently with warm water and liquid unscented soap.
- **FOR TATTOO FILM:** After 2-3 days or up to a week remove film in shower by lathering around edges and pulling straight down, not out.
- **Pat dry with disposable paper towels. DO NOT** use cloth towels or abrasive materials as they can harbor bacteria and cause infection.
- **Apply a thin layer of healing ointment** after washing such as **Aquaphor** three times a day for the first three days.
- **DO NOT** re-bandage tattoo unless instructed by artist.
- **After 3-5 days** after removing bandage your tattoo will start to peel and flake much like a sunburn, at this time you can replace the ointment with **unscented lotion** for the remainder of the healing process.
- You may take an over the counter, non-steroid anti-inflammatory such as ibuprofen or naproxen sodium for pain or swelling.
- **Neosporin isn't the best choice for new tattoos.** While you are healing a new skin wound, Neosporin is designed for minor cuts, burns, and scrapes only — **not tattoos.** Triple antibiotic ointments don't offer the moisture needed for tattoos to heal, nor do they allow the skin to breathe.

Do not pick or scratch your tattoo during the healing process.



- **DO NOT** use bar soap as it can harbor bacteria and cause infection.
- **DO NOT** soak or submerge your tattoo until it is completely healed. (No lakes, pools, hot tubs, baths, etc.).
- **DO NOT** use hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol on your tattoo.
- **DO** be mindful of your new tattoo and avoid touching it.
- **DO** use common sense. If you are advised to follow different aftercare methods other than those listed above, be aware that there are many products on the market that can slow healing and/or promote an allergic reaction. Other than medical professionals, advice on care may be contrary to proper healing of your tattoo.



- We use nitrile gloves, never latex.
- We use disposable, single-use needle cartridges and/or disposable single-use tubes and needle bars for all tattoos.
- We only purchase ink and supplies from reputable tattoo supply companies that strictly distribute only to licensed and verified tattoo studios.
- We update proper licensing and have inspections annually to stay consistent with Wisconsin state law through the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

## CHECK UPS

- Every tattoo done at Blood Eagle Tattoo is guaranteed and you are encouraged to stop in for a check up any time.
- Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**It is very important to follow all after care instructions given here and as instructed by your artist to ensure proper healing.**



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