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Proper Tattoo Aftercare

Remember: Your Tattoo is not finished until it is totally healed.

When your tattoo is completed and/or with work in progress after each session, it will be cleaned and covered as necessary at the studio. From that moment on it is your responsibility to hygienically take care of your tattoo. Good hygiene and care will reduce the risk of infection, aid healing and help maintain the colors.

- Leave the wrap on for approximately 2 hours.
- Before touching your tattoo at any time, make sure you wash your hands thoroughly with antibacterial soap.
- Use only your cleaned hands or fingertips to wash your tattoo using warm water and antibacterial soap. Gently remove all traces of blood, ink and cream from the skin: the tattoo should no longer look shiny if it is properly cleaned.
- Pat-dry your tattoo. Do not rub. Let the tattoo to air dry for around 10-15 minutes.
- Use only the recommended **After Inked** ointment, not Vaseline, and apply a THIN layer over the tattoo: 3-4 times a day for a minimum of 5 days, clean before each application (too much will suffocate your tattoo and delay healing process).
- If you do not have the premium **After Inked** ointment, just ask your artist or Tempted Ink employee. We always keep a supply on hand at the shop.
- After the 5 days, apply **After Inked** whenever the tattoo is dry for the next week and so on to keep your tattoo from looking ashy and dry. Any unscented, non-perfumed lotion (Lubriderm, Cetaphil) will also suffice.
- Your tattoo may peel for a while. This is just the old skin and some bits of excess ink. It is normal. Do not scratch or pick. Gently slap the tattoo to alleviate itching.
- If you have any reaction to any of the aftercare products then stop use immediately and follow the product directions.
- DO NOT re-cover the tattoo. Your tattoo needs to breathe. Covering it will result in scarring and ink being pushed out of the skin.
- Shower normally, BUT no baths, no pools, no jacuzzis and no ocean bathing for two weeks (do not soak your tattoo).
- Following these procedures will reduce scabbing. Most people will only develop a thin film over the tattoo that will flake off for around 2 weeks.
- Keeping your tattoo clean will reduce the risk of infection.
- If you have any questions regarding your tattoo or the healing process, call your artist. Do not rely on information given by anyone other than a professional tattoo artist.