



## TATTOO Aftercare

1. Leave the bandage on for about an hour or so after you leave the shop. (no longer than 2 hours)
2. After that time, remove bandage and wash tattoo with hot water (as hot as you can stand without burning yourself)
3. Wash the tattoo gently, with your fingertips with ANTI-BACTERIAL soap. (the foaming kind is best if you have it)
4. If the tattoo still feels slimy, it has not been washed well enough.
5. DO NOT use a wash cloth or loofah, only your fingertips.
6. DO NOT run water directly onto the tattoo or soak the tattoo.
7. DO NOT towel dry the area, instead use a paper towel to blot it dry or let it air dry.
8. Apply a SUPER THIN layer of ointment. (Aquatat, Aquaphor, Moonbutter)
9. \*\*Make sure that it is a THIN LAYER as using too much can clog the pores and will cause scabbing if the tattooed area cannot breathe properly\*\*
10. (\*if you have been told by your artist to wrap your tattoo overnight, use seran-wrap and ointment making sure to wash it thoroughly in the morning when you remove the wrap.)
11. Use SUPER THIN layers of ointment several times a day to your new tattoo and remember, if it looks or feels dry, it probably is.
12. Be sure to keep your healing tattoo clean but DO NOT over-apply the ointment remember, you want your skin to be able to breathe.
13. In about 3-5 days, the tattoo will start to peel, itch and flake.
14. At this time switch to a regular UN-SCENTED lotion.
15. \*\* Do not go out and buy a special kind of lotion that your body is not already used to. If you not use lotion regularly, we recommend Vitamin E oil as it encourages new skin growth\*\*
16. DO NOT SCRATCH OR PICK AT YOUR NEW TATTOO!!