

## **Recommended Tattoo Aftercare**

1. Wash your hands prior to touching your tattoo. Recommend removal of bandage within 3-24 hours and gently wash tattoo with mild soap and water. **Do not reapply a new bandage.**
2. Applying a thin film of medicated ointment is recommended for the next 3 days.
3. After 3 days, apply a light coating of moisturizing ointment until skin returns to its pre-tattoo condition.
4. Stay out of direct sunlight and tanning booths for 7-10 days. Use sunscreen of at least SPF30.
5. Do not go swimming or soak in a hot tub or spa until tattoo is completely healed. Showers are fine.
6. Your tattoo should form a light dry scab that will fall off in 7-10 days. Do not touch or pick at scab.
7. Signs and symptoms of infection include, but not limited to, severe redness, swelling, tenderness of the procedure site, red streaks going from the procedure site towards the heart, elevated body temperature, or purulent drainage from the procedure site. Discharge from site may be green/yellow in color and foul in odor.

**CONTACT TATTOO SHOP AND SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF ANY SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION DEVELOP.**