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## CARING FOR YOUR NEW TATTOO:

Remove bandage within two hours. Wash hands then gently wash your tattoo with an antibacterial soap using your fingertips. DO NOT use a washcloth or scrubber! Rinse thoroughly. Pat dry with a clean paper towel. Allow your tattoo to air dry another 20-30 minutes or longer if it appears to be oozing or moist. When dry, apply a very small amount of ointment, preferably A&D, Aquaphor or Tattoo Goo, twice-three times a day, rubbed completely into the skin so that it does not appear slick or slimy. After the first 4-5 days you may switch to a small amount of fragrance and dye free hand lotion to moisturize your tattoo 5-6 times a day or whenever it appears dry. ALWAYS wash your hands before applying ointment or lotion!!!

- DO NOT pick, scratch or peel any loose skin or scabs! They will come off when ready while washing or applying moisturizer.
- DO NOT soak your tattoo in pools, oceans, baths, hot tubs, etc. Short showers only until the tattoo is completely healed. (approximately 2-3 weeks.)
- NO direct sunlight until completely healed. Once completely healed, if you cannot prevent exposure to the sun then apply maximum strength sunblock (spf 30) to keep your colors looking bright and new!!
- DO NOT expose your tattoo to unclean conditions, irritating clothing or anything that may hinder healing. Wear clean, loose clothing to protect your tattoo.
- Be aware that during the first few days of healing the tattoo may seep ink, blood or lymph which may stain clothing, sheets or other fabrics.
- ALWAYS wash your hands before touching your tattoo! Do not let others touch it. For any questions or concerns, feel free to call or stop by.

Aftercare is vital to the healing of your tattoo and it is important to follow these instructions. Call your artist immediately if you have any problems during the healing process. Please feel free to call us with any concerns.