

Tattoo Aftercare

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A tattoo is one of the most dynamic symbols of self expression ever created and it is important to rely on the expert guidance of your artist for the proper aftercare of your life-long treasure.

You were tattooed in a modern studio with sterilized instruments and pigments and, after the process, the artist may have dressed the tattoo with a small amount of a Ink Fixx All Natural tattoo lotion. The long life of your tattoo depends upon the care you give it during the critical first few days and weeks.

Quality parlor operators worldwide have helped compile these simple directions for quick healing. However, we urge you to consult your own tattoo artist for any special instructions related to the aftercare of your specific tattoo.

- Do not re-bandage the tattoo.
- Do not apply Vaseline, lanolin or petroleum based products.
- Do not apply alcohol.
- Do not rub, scratch or pick at the tattoo.
- Do not expose the tattoo to direct sunlight, swim or soak in sauna, steam bath or bathtub for two weeks.
- Be sure clothing touching your tattoo is clean and soft.

A tattoo is considered minor surgery. It may bleed a bit at first but it will stop within a couple of hours. Most artists recommend the tattoo be kept bandaged overnight or for at least two to five hours. If the gauze sticks to the skin, soak the area with cold water until the gauze loosens, then remove carefully.

Once the tattoo is exposed, wash it carefully in cold water, gently applying antibacterial soap with fingers (never use a cloth) to remove all surface blood. Rinse with cold water, pat dry with a clean towel, and air-dry for 15 minutes. Then, gently and sparingly apply a thin layer of the Ink Fixx. Repeat 3 or 4 times a day for 7 to 10 days.

After 5 to 14 days, the tattoo may start to peel (this is normal like a sunburn) and scab. **DO NOT** pick or peel the skin away. Let it fall off naturally during washing or application of your tattoo healing agent. Fresh skin will soon replace the dead skin. Colors may fade during the process, but will return when healing is completed.

We recommend Ink Fixx All Natural Tattoo Lotion to keep your tattoos from drying and the skin areas soft and moist. Always apply sparingly. Too much prevents the skin/tattoo from breathing, and can cause leaching of the colors. If this happens, discontinue use, wash the tattoo, pat dry, and consult your tattoo artist at your earliest convenience.

After a few weeks, all scabbing will be gone, but the area may still be sensitive. Continue regular cleaning and application of Ink Fixx lotion for proper aftercare of your tattoo.

Exposure to the sun is the major cause of tattoo fading, but after a few months you may sunbathe in moderation. Always use a sun block (at least SPF-30 sunscreen that provides UVA and UVB protection).

If you experience any reaction to the Ink Fixx (which we haven't had one problem yet), discontinue use and consult your tattoo artist as soon as possible.