TATTOO AFTERCARE

- 1) Wash your hands.
- 2) Remove bandage after 2·12 hours, unless otherwise instructed.
- 3) Wash your tattoo thoroughly, using hot running water, a mild anti-bacterial soap (gold Liquid Dial, clear Softsoap), and a clean bare hand.
- 4) Rinse your tattoo thoroughly, using cool running water, making sure you have completely cleaned the area.

 Repeat step 3 if necessary.
 - 5) Blot your tattoo dry, using clean, single use paper towels.
 - 6) Before getting dressed, allow your tattoo to air dry for 15-20 minutes.
- 7) Repeat this process (with the exception of step 2) 35 times a day, for the next 2 weeks, or until your tattoo is healed.
 - 8) Apply a small amount of unscented lotion (Curel, Aveeno, Eucerin) to your tattoo at signs of dryness or itching.

DO NOT re-bandage your tattoo unless otherwise instructed by your artist. Your tattoo needs to breathe to heal normally.

DO NOT use any soaps or moisturizers containing dyes or fragrances.

DO NOT submerge or soak your tattoo under water until it is fully healed (i.e., swimming pool, hot tub, bath tub, or ocean).

DO NOT tan or expose your tattoo to direct sunlight until it is fully healed.

DO NOT pick, peel, or scratch your new tattoo.

 $DO\ NOT\ use\ petroleum\ based\ products\ (A\&D,\ Neosporin,\ Vasolene,\ etc.)$

DO NOT use rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide on your new tattoo.

ALWAYS remember to wash your hands before touching your new tattoo.

Your new tattoo should take about 2 weeks to heal. Dryness, itching, light scabbing, and peeling are all normal parts of the healing process. Some soreness, swelling, or bruising may occur these are also common to the healing process.

At Dedication Tattoo, we proudly stand behind our work, and offer any necessary touch-ups at no additional cost. If you have any questions regarding the condition of your healing tattoo, please feel free to give us a call, or come by, at any time. You should contact a physician at the first signs of an adverse reaction (i.e., infection, illness, allergic reaction, or disease).

Outside of the normal limits of healing, any concerns that your body art has resulted in complications, infection or disease should be reported to: Denver Department of Environmental Health Public Health Inspection-Body Art.

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