

EMPIRE TATTOO

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Tattoo Aftercare:

Leave bandage on overnight (unless instructed otherwise). For Saniderm (clear) bandages, leave on overnight and up to 24 hours after tattoo appointment. In the morning wash your hands and remove bandage slowly and gently. If tape is stuck and painful to remove hop in the shower to gently peel it off. For Saniderm applying oil (vegetable, olive, coconut etc.) around the edges will help lift the adhesive and remove the bandage.

Wash tattoo with mild unscented soap (Dawn dish soap if recommended) and clean warm to hot water (as hot as you can handle). **DO NOT SCRUB!** Keep tattoo dry and do not apply lotion until the next day. Re-apply saniderm if directed by your artist to do so. Make sure your tattoo is clean and dry before re-application.

A small amount of color seeping is normal, soft clothing provides comfort, protection and prevents other matter (pet dander etc.) from irritating your new tattoo.

FOR THE NEXT 2-4 WEEKS AFTER YOUR APPOINTMENT

Apply a small amount of unscented water based lotion (Aveeno, Lubriderm etc.) or Aquaphor once the tattoo stops producing new plasma and seeping color (generally a couple days after bandage is removed and tattoo is very dry and tight). Applying lotion to soon could result in an irritated tattoo, (use discretion). Make sure not to leave a thick film on the tattoo or surrounding skin. When showering, clean the tattoo with mild unscented soap – again **DO NOT SCRUB!** Allow tattoo to dry out before applying lotion.

Apply small amounts lotion 3-5 times a day or Aquaphor 2-3 times a day with clean hands. Most of the lotion should absorb into the tattoo, but do not apply too much. Too much lotion will clog your pores and increase healing time.

Peeling, flaking, minor scabbing and itching are all normal parts of the healing process. **DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH YOUR TATTOO! THIS CAN CAUSE INFECTION AND/OR COLOR LOSS.**

Avoid direct sunlight, tanning beds, hot tubs, swimming pools and bathtubs. **THESE CAN CAUSE INFECTION AND/OR COLOR LOSS.** High motion areas may take longer to heal (hands, feet, joint areas etc.).

If at any point during the healing process you have any questions or concerns call Empire Tattoo. Do not take the advice of friends, family or anyone other than your tattooist and Empire staff. Keeping a consistent aftercare regiment is key.

Follow ups/Touch ups

Tattoos created at Empire are guaranteed and warranted a free touch up within 3 months of the initial or final tattoo appointment (excluding hands and feet). Touch ups will be at the expense of the client if aftercare instructions or direction of the artists were disregarded. Once your tattoo is fully healed (2-4 weeks), please check in with your artist to determine if a touch up appointment is needed.