# TIMELESSINK

# Congratulations on Your New Tattoo!

Most tattoos take 2 weeks or longer to heal. Below are a few important tips to help ensure you have the best healing experience possible.

# **Tattoo After-Care Instructions:**

# Remove the Bandage

If your artist has used regular plastic wrap bandaging, please remove the wrap after one to two hours. If your artist has used Saniderm, it's best to wait 2-3 days before removal.

Yes, it's normal for it to look gross, however it is an integral step to the healing process.

Removal of Saniderm is recommended in the shower – think of a Band-Aid being pulled off a fresh cut.

# **Washing the Tattoo:**

Use your fingertips or hand only.

Use a mild antibacterial soap and warm water.

Do not scrub the tattoo during the two-week healing period.

Pat the tattoo dry with a clean, soft cloth or let it air dry.

# Apply a Thin Coat of Ointment at Least 3 Times a Day

Just enough to make it shine, a little goes a long way. You can moisturize your tattoo with any unscented moisturizer however we recommend using Tattoo Goo. There is no need to re-bandage your tattoo, just a very thin layer of moisturizer over top to keep it moist and prevent scabbing.

#### **Keep Your Tattoo Clean...**

Avoid long showers or baths for 2 weeks. Also, avoid prolonged soaking this means no swimming, oceans/lakes, hot tubs, or saunas. Keep showers to under 10 minutes. We all love our pets however please avoid animals in close contact with your new tattoo

#### Do not Scratch or Pick at Your Tattoo

Itching, Peeling and Fading are all a normal part of the healing process

If your tattoo becomes itchy during the healing process, simply give it a slap.

#### The Sun Can be Bad for Your Tattoo!

Even if you've had a tattoo for a very long time. Sunburns over tattoos can cause many problems, including drying out your tattoo, forming a horrendous scab and causing the tattoo to fade before it is completely healed. The sun can also delay healing time of a tattoo and promotes scarring.

Please wait for your tattoo to heal completely before going into the sun or a tanning bed. Make sure to use a high-quality sun block (not sunscreen) but do not apply sunblock while a tattoo is in the healing process. Over time, the sun will cause every tattoo to fade.

#### In Need of a Touch Up?

We offer a *complimentary* touch up on every tattoo done at Timeless INK (with the exception of finger tattoos) within 3 months of your final appointment date under the circumstances that you have followed proper aftercare protocol.

Please call us or stop by if you have any questions about the healing process of your tattoo and if any problem persists or worsens, please visit your doctor or nearest E.R.

Remember to Enjoy Your New INK!