

# **Tattoo Aftercare**

# For **Transparent dressings**

leave bandages on for a minimum of 24 hours and up to 3-5 days. If the bandage is filled with fluid, starts to roll up on the edges or causes irritation it's okay to remove it early. Do not leave your bandage for longer than 5 days.

When removing the bandage run it under warm water to help with the adhesive, this can be done in the shower for convenience. When you remove the bandage gently pull from one corner backwards and close to the skin, do not pull directly away.

#### For **Non adhesive bandage**

leave the bandage on at least until tomorrow morning and up to 24 hours from the time your tattoo was finished. When you remove the bandage, it should come off easily, if not simply soak the bandage in the shower so it comes off nicely. Wash your tattoo twice a day, non-scented soap.

## DO NOT OPEN YOUR BANDAGE AND DO NOT APPLY A NEW ONE OR RE-SEAL IT.

LESS IS MORE! We recommend using a very light amount of green Polysporin or a non-scented lotion like Aveeno; twice a day after washing with non-scented soap.

THE NEXT FEW DAYS: the tattoo can leak ink, wear older darker clothes that cover your tattoo.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS: the tattoo may scab over, itch and peel during. DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH YOUR NEW TATTOO!

**FOR FOUR WEEKS:** The tattoo can take up to 4 weeks to fully heal.

NO SUN AND NO SOAKING IT: Stay out of rivers, lakes, pools, hot tubs; refrain from soaking your tattoo. Keep your tattoo out of direct sunlight; this includes tanning beds.

After the 4-week period apply SPF45 or higher on your tattoo.

### **MOST IMPORTANTLY**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your artist or the shop right away.

**DO NOT TAKE ADVICE FROM OTHERS!**