

Locomotive Tattoo Studio

AFTERCARE FOR TATTOOS

- Leave your bandage on for a minimum of 2 to 3 hours.
- After removal of bandage wash thoroughly with warm water and unscented anti-bacterial soap. Use your hands only and gently rub the tattoo thoroughly.
- Pat dry with a clean paper towel and let it air dry before applying aftercare ointment. This will lessen the chance of bacteria getting caught between the skin and the ointment which may lead to an infection.
- Apply a **SUPER-THIN** layer of product, such as Aquaphor or Tattoo Goo, 3 to 4 times daily. You are moistening the tattoo not trying to suffocate it so make sure to rub the ointment all the way in and not leave the skin shiny. After a week or so (when the tattoo has already peeled) you can use **UNSCENTED** skin lotion to keep your tattoo moist. Apply it just like you did the Aquaphor or Tattoo Goo.
- Keep your tattoo clean with soap and water. Wash your tattoo 3 to 4 times a day with warm water and anti-bacterial soap. Re-applying the ointment after letting the tattoo air dry.
- Repeat this process for a week or two depending on the how the tattoo looks. It will peel like a sunburn after a few days. (It is totally normal to see colored flakes of skin shedding) If it does scab in a few areas this is nothing to worry about, just let them fall off on their own. **DO NOT SCRATCH OR PICK AT THEM** and **DO NOT** over-saturate in the shower. This could soften them up too much and cause them to come off prematurely which will leave blank spots that will need touching up.
- During the healing process....No sun, no swimming pools, no jacuzzis, no ocean, no soaking in water of any kind!
- After your tattoo is healed....Use sunblock, this will keep it looking like new longer.