

# Tattoo Aftercare

**\*The skin around the tattoo will be red, lasting for a few hours.**

**\*Leave Tegaderm bandage on for 4 hours minimum to 3 days max.**

**\*The fluid (plasma) and ink leaving the skin under the Tegaderm will build up and make the tattoo look blurry (It looks gross, but don't panic).**

**\*You can sometimes develop adhesive reactions to Tegaderm (or any band-aids). If there is an outline of redness where your bandage sat- it could take a few weeks to go away, so be patient.**

**\*Wash instructions (when it's time to remove the Tegaderm):**

- Carefully peel off the Tegaderm bandage
- Gently wash the tattoo with mild soap & water
- Pat dry with a clean towel
- Apply a very thin layer of Aquaphor (or preferred tattoo balm)

**\*For the next 1-2 weeks or until the tattoo is done scabbing:**

- 2x daily gently wash the tattoo with mild soap & water
- 3x daily apply a light layer of Aquaphor (or preferred tattoo balm)
- After scabbing is done, you can switch to a fragrance-free lotion for about two weeks.

**\*Avoid the following during the tattoo healing process:**

- No direct sunlight on the tattoo
- Do not scratch or pick scabs (tattoos get itchy)
- No tight clothing over the tattoo (friction will rub off scabs prematurely)
- Do not immerse the tattoo in water: No swimming, baths, or hot tubs

**\*Healed results:**

- Healed results can look different for every person- some heal lighter or darker.
- Tattoos do not heal black: Although they start black and crisp, they soften when healed. Depending on your skin tone, the ink will heal and settle with a blue or green tone.
- (When healed) please apply a good SPF sun block to your tattoo to keep it from fading.

***Lastly, order some pizza and watch a fun show or movie after your tattoo session, you deserve it:)***