

## AFTERCARE

Your new tattoo has been applied using sterile equipment and modern practices. The following suggestions will guide you in healing and protecting your tattoo.

1. Make sure you WASH your hands thoroughly before you care for your new tattoo, this will help in keeping infection away.
2. Keep the sterile dressing that the tattooist has applied in place, until the next morning.
3. Next morning: remove the dressing, gently wash by hand using cool water and mild soap as your tattooist has suggested. Pat dry, but do not rub with towel.
4. In case a dressing sticks to your new tattoo, gently use clean cool water on the dressing to loosen it from the tattoo. Please do not attempt to remove the dressing without using the water to moisten the dressing. As this could cause harm to your new tattoo.
5. Coat lightly with A&D ointment or Tattoo Goo. Re-cover using clean sterile dressing. We do not recommend using Bacitracin Ointment, this has history of causing rashes and unneeded discomfort.
6. The following day: repeat steps 3-5 above.
7. After the third day, you should expose your tattoo to the air as much as possible. You should frequently coat your new tattoo with a non-greasy moisturizing cream such as Curel, Lubriderm, or Tattoo Goo. If your tattoo will be rubbing against clothing continue to cover with clean dressing until the light scab area sheds itself We also' suggest this also for individuals that may come in contact with chemicals, dirt, or anything that could cause infection in the new tattoo.
8. The tattoo will look and feel like and/or look like a sunburn, at first and as the body heals, the area may also become itchy. DO NOT at anytime itch or pick at the scab layer, this may cause un-repairable scarring to the tattoo.
9. Protect your healing tattoo from abrasions, water, and sunlight. AVOID swimming, baths, hot tubs, and sunbathing and/or tanning in a tanning booth until the scab layer is shed.
10. Always use a good SUNSCREEN to protect the appearance of your tattoo when exposing it to sunlight or in a tanning booth.
11. During this process of healing you may experience some flaking of skin (compared to that of a slight sunburn.) This is a normal condition for "soft scab healing".
12. POSSIBLE side effects:

### Signs and Symptoms of Infection.

These include excessive redness, swelling, serious itching, or pus at the tattoo site. In the area in which your new tattoo is located, you may also experience some grown in hairs of sort. This is caused by the hair trying to grow back from when it was shaven clean before tattooing. Fever is also a sign of infection. You should contact your health provider and also call Lucky 13 Tattoo as soon as possible if you have any signs or symptoms of a possible infection.