

RISING PHOENIX BODY ART

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Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Bandaging Standard – leave bandage on for a minimum of 2 hours as the bandage helps to prevent airborne bacteria from infecting the fresh wound. Clean tattoo as soon as the bandage is removed. Do not re-bandage.

Bandaging Second-skin – leave Second-skin product on for 24 hours remove and clean the area as per washing instructions. Reapply Second-skin product for a maximum of 5 days wash again once removed. There is no need to apply lotion while second skin is on the tattoo. If there is still some scabbing after 5 days, follow **Treatment** until skin is smooth.

Washing – use lukewarm water and a mild unscented soap such as Ivory, Dove, or Pears. Wash away any ointment, plasma, and dry blood. Do not use anything abrasive, soft paper towels work well. Pat (do not rub) the area dry with a clean lint free towel or paper towel. This should be done daily, or whenever you've gotten your tattoo dirty.

Treatment – With standard bandaging apply a thin layer of Unscented lotion, Tattoo goo/Tatwax after washing and whenever the tattoo feels tight to keep the scab from drying out and cracking. Do not use Neosporin, or Polysporin as the healing accelerator can cause excess scabbing and pigment loss. This routine should be performed until the skin is smooth and fully healed. For tattoos on lower extremities elevate the tattoo whenever possible to decrease the chances of swelling and irritation.

Scabbing – With standard bandaging and treatment DO NOT pick or scratch at your tattoo while there are scabs as this can cause pigment loss, and infections. With Second-skin, scabbing will be kept to a minimum, however there will itchiness. Do not scratch or rub as this will remove the Second-skin before the tattoo is healed.

Showering & bathing – It is alright to shower with your new tattoo, however submerging your tattoo in a bath can cause damage to the wound regardless of the healing method. Avoid soaking your tattoo until the scabbing is completely healed.

Swimming & Hot tubs – Avoid swimming or soaking in a pool, hot tub or at the beach until your tattoo is fully healed as these can lead to infections.

Signs of Infection – Excessive redness/irritation/pain/swelling, fever, any unusual odor, any type of non-plasma discharge, red streaks, or sores.

There will be some redness, irritation, pain and swelling from getting the tattoo, however this should begin decreasing within hours or days. Should any of these symptoms get worse or you develop other symptoms of infection please see a doctor for treatment as they will be able to confirm, and prescribe medication to help!