

# Tattoo After Care Instructions

At Heretic we take the process of tattooing our clients very seriously.

Your Artist has taken all care to tattoo you in a clean, sterile environment using best practice methods.

We have done our job, now it is time for you to do yours!

By following these instructions your new tattoo has the best chance of healing quickly and looking terrific.

Your Artist will generally wrap your new tattoo with cling-wrap.

Clingwrap is only used to prevent ink or oozing fluids from staining your clothes and it also prevents inquisitive friends from touching the area with their dirty hands!

- Within 2 hours remove the cling wrap from the tattooed area.
- Hand wash the tattooed area using mild soapy water (you can do this in the shower if you wish).
- Pat dry the tattooed area with a **CLEAN** towel or cloth.
- Apply enough **After Care product** to the tattoo to lightly coat/moisturize the tattoo.

**Do not re-cover the tattoo with Clingwrap or Second-Skin!** - The tattooed area needs to breathe as much as possible.

Re-apply After Care product as frequently as required to keep the tattoo lightly moisturized. This may need to be done many times per day, particularly during the first 5 days. Continue to apply After Care product as required for the next 2 weeks (longer if the tattoo appears dry).

You only need to wash the tattoo once each day (in the shower is fine)

- Always apply After Care Product with CLEAN hands.
- It can take between 1 and 3 weeks for the tattooed area to completely heal.

Some scabbing or peeling of the skin is normal, but **Do Not** under any circumstances pick, scratch or scrub the tattoo. If you do so you will affect how the tattoo will eventually look. If the area becomes very itchy, a quick slap will get rid of the itchy sensation.

- No soaking the tattoo in a bath, pool, spa or Jacuzzi for the first 2 weeks & avoid excessively long showers.
- No sun tanning or solarium use for 2 weeks
- Do not let other people touch your tattoo!
- If you have pets, do not handle them and then handle your tattoo – Wash your hands!
- Never touch your tattoo unless your hands are clean.

By following these simple instructions your tattoo will heal quickly and will look great!

Not following these instructions may result in a tattoo that is faded, patchy or distorted.

The choice is yours!

If you have any concerns or questions during the healing phase, please contact the Studio