## TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCINGS

are minor wounds to the skins surface. The skin is an amazing organ that takes extremely great care of itself, All you need to do is help it along. Here are a few basic things you need to know.

**AS** with any intrusion to the skin you run the risk of infection. Infection is caused by many things and a lot of times an irritation is mistaken for an infection.

**TOUCHING** your piercing at times other than cleaning is the best way to spread infection. Always wash your hands prior to cleaning or applying aftercare.

DO NOT get your tattoo overly wet. You can wash it several times a day, just keep exposure short, and dry immediately afterwards.

MINOR REDNESS is common in tattoos and piercings. You may also experience minor bruising.

IF you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to stop by or give us a call. We want your tattoo or piercing to heal to the best of it's ability.

WE stand behind all of our services and touch-ups are free for 90 days.

DO NOT trust the information from your friends or family. Failure on your part to care for your tattoo or piercing may result in extra costs for you.

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FIRST AND FOREMOST, DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE PIERCING!! THIS INCLUDES LAYING ON IT.

SPRAY piercing 2x daily sterile saline wound wash/flush; once in morning, once at night.

CONTINUE this for at least 12 weeks minimum. Redness and yellowish/white discharge is common, don't worry.

**RINSE PIERCING** very well in shower daily.

**RINSE** until crusties have all left the skin.

AVOID public pools, hot tubs, and lakes for 6+ weeks. Always remember we answer questions for free!



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TONGUE PIERCINGS: rest ice in mouth often for first week. RINSE WITH clean water every time you put anything in your mouth that is not water. Rise mouth 2x daily with alcohol free mouthwash.

LIP PIERCINGS: same as tongue, but clean outside with saline 2x daily.

ALL PIERCINGS take a minimum of 3 months to fully heal, some much longer.
WE RECOMMEND you follow after care instructions a minimum of 8-12 weeks.
If a piercings feels wrong, call the shop IMMEDIATELY!
WE can help and give good advice based on years of experience.
KEEP makeup, fancy soaps, and soaps containing triclosan away from piercings for 3-4 months.

ABSOLUTLEY NEVER use alcohol or peroxide or ointments on a piercing!!!! MANY piercings take 6-9 months or longer to heal, so be patient! Call shop with any questions.