

- Remove bandage within two hours of receiving the tattoo unless your tattooer specifies otherwise
- Your tattoo is an open wound
- Avoid cross contamination & potential infection risks
- Do not touch the tattoo with unwashed hands
- Do not let anyone else touch the tattoo unless it is necessary to perform aftercare, in which circumstance they should wear gloves
- Keep out of contact with pets or surfaces with pet hair
- Make sure your sheets are freshly clean
- All clothing and towels coming in contact with the tattoo should be freshly clean and not reused
- You can shower as you naturally would
- Wipe down all gym equipment, including home gym equipment, before use, as well as having a clothing barrier between your tattoo and the equipment
- Wash the tattoo immediately after exercise or any activity where you become excessively sweaty
- Wash the tattoo any time another person, a foreign object, dirt, oil, grease, or irritant comes in direct contact with the tattoo
- When washing, run warm water over the tattoo first for 30 seconds to a minute until it feels soothing
- Wash with unscented, liquid, antibacterial or antimicrobial soap
- Do not use scented soaps or bar soap
- Gently hand wash, never scrub
- Pat dry with a single use paper towel
- Do not use a cloth hand towel to dry the tattoo after washing
- Apply a thin amount of ointment to the tattoo remembering that less is more and you never want to glop an excessive amount on
- Do not share aftercare products with any person for any reason
- Do not skip washing the tattoo before applying any type of ointment or lotion
- Approved products include hustle butter, aquaphor, or aquatat
- If you experience a break out or rash, discontinue use of your current aftercare and switch to a different product
- **Unapproved** products include a & d ointment, triple antibiotic ointments, neosporian, or vaseline
- When the tattoo feels dry, tight, or irritated, wash the tattoo and apply ointment
- Do not let the tattoo dry out
- After three to five days when the tattoo begins to peel, switch to a plain white, unscented lotion
- Do not pick or scratch at the tattoo when it itches or when the skin begins to flake
- Let the skin flakes/scabs come off naturally
- Avoid soaking your tattoo in any body of water
- Avoid direct sunlight on the tattoo
- Avoid, lakes, beaches, hot tubs, and pools
- Your tattoo is not fully healed until the shiny new skin layer is completely gone. Everyone will have individual healing times ranging from two to four weeks
- You should maintain all aftercare procedures until the tattoo is fully healed

We offer free touchups for up to 9 months after the initial service.. Tattoo ink is a foreign object in your body which it will naturally try to push out. If you loved your tattoo when you left the studio, but it needs some touch up work, chances are it's the way your body naturally healed the tattoo and not the way the tattooer performed the service. Understanding this is important. We would much rather you come back to us for a free touch up than throw your money away somewhere else.

Thank you for your business!

Don't hesitate to contact us at 910.346.2059 or elitetattoogallerync@gmail.com for questions concerning the aftercare process or to schedule a free touchup.