

Michigan Department of Community Health  
Screaming Needle Tattoo & Piercing Company  
**Aftercare Instructions for Tattoos**

**Approximate Healing Time for Tattoos:** Two to Four (2-4) weeks

**Supplies Needed:** Antibacterial liquid soap, ointment (artist suggested), fragrance-free skin lotion

**Aftercare Instructions:** Your new tattoo will be bandaged for approximately two (2) hours. Wash your hands and carefully remove your bandage. Thoroughly wash the entire area of the tattoo with an antibacterial liquid soap with cool water. **Pat dry** the area with a paper towel or let air dry for ten (10) minutes. You will apply a very **thin, thin** layer of ointment (Aquatatt or Aquaphor). You may need to gently wipe some of the ointment off if applied too thick. You will need to apply said **thin** layers of ointment two to four (2-4) times daily for at least three (3) days. After approximately three to five (3-5) days of using the ointment, you may switch to a non-scented, fragrance-free mild skin lotion. When in the shower, thoroughly wash your tattoo with an antibacterial soap and do not allow the water to beat down on your tattoo directly. Pat dry when you are out of the shower.

- **Do not re-bandage your tattoo. You should allow it to 'breathe'**
- **Avoid sunlight contact to your fresh tattoo for two (2) weeks**
- **Do not submerge your tattoo in salt water, chlorine water, saunas, hot tubs or bath water for two (2) weeks. But you can shower... Please shower.**
- **Your tattoo will flake, itch and peel. Do not pick at your tattoo. You can potentially remove ink and will need premature touch-ups. Pat your tattoo gently if it itches.**
- **A mild skin lotion will keep the 'flaking' to a minimum.**

If you have any questions or concerns about your tattoo, contact your artist at Screaming Needle Tattoo & Piercing Co. In addition, you should seek medical attention if the tattoo site becomes infected or extremely painful, or if you develop a fever shortly after being tattooed.

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Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Touch up days: SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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### Disclosure Statement /Notice for Filing Complaints

Public Act 149, which was enacted in December of 2007, indicates that individuals shall not tattoo, brand, or perform body piercing on another individual unless the tattooing, branding, or body piercing occurs at a body art facility licensed by the Michigan Department of Community Health. Body art facilities are required to be in compliance with the "Requirements for Body Art Facilities," which provide guidelines for safe and sanitary body art administration. As with any invasive procedure, body art may involve possible health risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to: transmissions of bloodborne diseases such as HIV and viral hepatitis, skin disorders, skin infections, and allergic reactions. In addition, persons with certain conditions including, but not limited to, diabetes, hemophilia or epilepsy, are at a higher risk for complications and should consult a physician before undergoing a body art procedure. If you wish to file a complaint against a body art facility related to compliance with PA 149 or have concerns about potential health risks, please visit

[www.michigan.gov/bodyart](http://www.michigan.gov/bodyart)