

# Pirate Jacks Tattoo Co.

## Care Sheet

To properly care for your new tattoo please follow these steps as closely as possible.

1. Leave your bandage on your tattoo for 24hours. The bandage is water resistant but not waterproof. Showering with the bandage is acceptable, but do not submerge the bandage underwater, that would be detrimental.
2. After your 24hours period carefully remove your bandage. You may notice that blood and plasma have collected under the bandage, this is normal and is not harmful to you. The bandage has kept all the outside pathogens out of your tattoo. If you are having difficulty removing the bandage, try removing it under running warm clean water.
3. After removing your bandage with clean hands wash your tattoo with fragrance free mild soap (ex: Dove, Dial, Ivory etc.)
4. Once your tattoo has been cleaned allow it to air dry and apply a **SMALL** amount of non-scented lotion to the tattoo. Do this for 5-7days about 3-5 times daily only when the tattoo appears dry. **DO NOT OVER MOISTURIZE THE TATTOO.**
5. **IMPORTANT!!!! NO SWIMMING, HOT TUBBING AND OR SUNBATHING** or any variation of the two. None of these activities should be performed after receiving a new tattoo. You should wait 2 weeks minimum for swimming or hot tubing and 4 weeks minimum for sunbathing once you have received a new tattoo.
6. Exercise and contact sports should be performed with care. Your new tattoo is technically an open wound and therefore is an entry point to pick up and carry harmful bacteria. Sporting facilities, locker rooms and gyms tend to carry harmful bacteria.
7. During the healing process your tattoo may peel or scab which is normal. Please **DO NOT** pick or assist the peeling process. Your body will heal the tattoo in its own time. For most people, the healing process usually takes about 2-3 weeks. Side effects would include your tattoo being a little tender to the touch at the application site which usually occurs within the first 72 hours after receiving the tattoo however, it should taper off slowly. Your tattoo may be a bit itchy which is normal and may continue until your tattoo is completely healed.
8. If an infection or adverse reaction occurs at your procedure site, contact your personal physician for treatment and report to the Southern Nevada Health Department special programs at 702-759-0677 or [bodyart@snhd.org](mailto:bodyart@snhd.org) Signs of infection or an allergic reaction would include any pain, itching, redness/discoloration, swelling and or discharge in or around tattooed site area.

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