

Pre-Care Procedures Quick Checklist:

- No plans to soak for the two weeks after getting tattooed. Even if you “won’t put your tattoo into the water,” it is still considered soaking. This includes but is not limited to: pools, baths, hot tubs, saunas, steam showers, lakes, rivers, oceans, reservoirs, sweat lodges, sensory deprivation tanks, mosh pits, waterfalls, water slides, etc.
- No plans to break a heavy sweat at the bare minimum of 72 hours after getting tattooed, although two weeks would be preferable. This includes but it not limited to: hiking, hot yoga, working out in a gym, working out heavily at home, sunbathing, cycling, skiing, snowboarding,
 - No sunburns on the area.
 - No heavy drinking the night before.
- Please don’t come in pregnant, trying to get pregnant, or breast-feeding. We love our moms, but it is not the time to get tattooed under those conditions.
 - Please come in as sober as possible.
- Make sure to wear something comfortable that gives the tattooer full access to the area you are getting tattooed. (Make sure you won’t mind if a bit of ink gets on your clothing.)
 - Please don’t come in sick. We will send you home.

You’re getting a tattoo! How exciting!

Come in having eaten a full meal, having drank plenty of water, and having gotten plenty of sleep. Please make sure to be aware of your caffeine consumption day-of, as well. If you are shaking from double-fisting a Monster and a Redbull, neither of us are going to have a good time.

We prefer that you come alone to your appointment, but one guest is okay. If you’re getting tattooed back-to-back with someone else, a friend, family member, etc., please be each other’s guest!

You don’t need to shave the area beforehand, but you can if you want to! If you’re particularly hairy in the spot you’re getting tattooed, shaving beforehand is appreciated, but not 100% required.

Make sure to bring your ID and a form of payment.

All that you need to purchase beforehand on your own is a soap that works well with your skin. A soap with more limited ingredients that has either no fragrance or a fragrance that is from essential oils, and not an alcohol, is preferable. Nothing with exfoliation chemicals or beads. An antibacterial soap is not required, and may cause the tattoo to heal slower. Stay away from soaps with mint, tea tree, or anything “spicy.”

Plan on it being painful. All tattoos hurt. The range of which your tattoo will hurt can be anything from an annoyance to excruciating pain. Some people say that it feels like a cat-scratch. Some people say it feels like sunburn. It is different for everyone. That being said, it isn't unbearable. We are able to have this awesome job for a reason, and if it was unendurable, we wouldn't be here.

Plan on being in the shop right on time. You don't need to come in early unless we have already discussed it. Plan on being in the shop for some time before and after the actual tattoo. You will fill out paperwork when you arrive, and you will be told aftercare before you leave, which means that you will have some time before and after the actual tattoo, being in the shop. If you have time constraints, please let us know beforehand and we will do our best to accommodate.

You can do this!

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