

- DO NOT REMOVE** covering for at least 1 but no more than 4 hours to prevent bacteria from entering the tattoo. Once the covering is removed, **DO NOT** cover it again with any type of bandage, clean clothing is fine during the healing process. The tattoo needs to be exposed to air in order to heal.
- With clean hands, remove the bandage and wash gently with a mild anti-bacterial soap such as **SOFT SOAP** or **DIAL** and warm water.
A) In the shower, the tattoo will be the last thing you will wash. In your hands, lather the anti-bacterial soap and gently wash your tattoo with the palm of your hand only. Be sure to remove all dried blood and/or ointment. DO NOT use a wash cloth to clean your tattoo! Finally, rinse your tattoo completely. Pat the tattoo dry with a clean towel.
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B) If using a hand sink to clean your tattoo, wash your hand thoroughly in a clean hand sink. Run warm water for a minimum of one minute over the tattoo In your hands, lather the anti-bacterial soap and gently wash your tattoo with the palm of your hand only. Be sure to remove all dried blood and/or ointment. DO NOT use a wash cloth to clean your tattoo! Finally, rinse your tattoo completely. Pat the tattoo dry with a clean towel.
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- With clean hands, **using a pea size amount of Barri-Care**, a little goes a long way, spread a very thin layer of Barri-Care over the tattoo. Be sure to rub the Barri-Care in completely. The tattoo should be barely shiny once after care is applied. **DO NO USE** Vaseline, A&D, Neosporin, Bactine, Lubriderm or any other product not suggested by the Elite Ink Staff. We only guarantee our work if you use Barri-Care **AND** follow these instructions.
- You will need to wash and apply Barri-Care (3) THREE times daily.** Keeping it moisturized will ensure the least amount of scabbing and peeling, thereby reducing the fading of color or grey wash. The introduction of bacteria or dirt could cause the tattoo to become infected. **DO NOT TOUCH YOUR TATTOO OR LET ANYONE ELSE TOUCH YOUR TATTOO UNLESS YOUR.THEIR HANDS ARE CLEAN AND ARE CLEANING THE TATTOO.**
- The tattoo will "bleed" pigment during the first few days of healing. This is normal. We suggest you wear clothes that you won't mind getting a bit of pigment on. The pigment will wash out of most clothing but might require bleach. Depending on the area of your body you have tattooed, you might want to put a clean towel down or wear sleep wear that you wouldn't mind getting pigment on while sleeping, this will avoid getting pigment on your sheets. **DO NOT ALLOW PETS IN THE BED DURING HEALING**
- DO NOT** go swimming, soak in a hot tub or bath for about two weeks after getting your tattoo. Chemicals like, chlorine or bleach, and bacteria are found in all bodies of water which can cause fading and/or infection. Soaking the tattoo may also cause the scab to come off prematurely along with some of the pigment. Taking regular showers is fine and recommended. **DO NOT EXPOSE YOUR TATTOO TO SUNLIGHT, TANNING BEDS OR ANY OTHER UV LIGHTS**
- Foot Tattoos** - These tattoos heal differently than any other tattoo you may get. Clean as listed above. Clean as listed above. **DO NOT** wear anything that will run or make contact with the tattoo during the healing process. **DO NOT EXPOSE THE TATTOO TO DIRT, SAND OR MUD!** Swelling is normal for all tattoos, especially for tattoos on the feet. Keeping your feet elevated as much as possible will reduce the chance of swelling. **ELITE INK TATTOOS DOES NOT GUARANTEE TATTOOS BELOW THE ANKLE!**
- Touch-Ups, if needed, will be granted with-in 60 days of initial tattoo. After examination of the tattoo and determining the reason for a touch-up, it will be determined by the artist who did the tattoo whether it will be a free touch-up or not.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the instructions on this aftercare sheet and assume full responsibility for the aftercare and cleanliness. I release Elite Ink Tattoos, and its employees and/or agents, from all manner of liabilities, claims and actions.

Client _____ Artist _____ Date _____

Purchased Barri-Care _____