



BODY PIERCING AFTERCARE

How to care for your new piercing

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Initially, swelling and skin sensitivity after a piercing session is normal and may last 1-2 days.

Properly cleanse the pierced area by using antibacterial or antimicrobial soap 2 -3 times a day. Make sure your hands are clean when handling your piercing. If any crust develops around your piercing, use hydrogen peroxide to dissolve it. **DO NOT** use alcohol, which can dry out your skin.

For the oral piercing, you can use an antiseptic mouthwash. Rinse for at least 20 seconds. Do this after every meal if possible.

1 week after your initial piercing, we recommend taking your piercing out completely. Clean the pierced area and clean your body jewelry by rinsing it in hydrogen peroxide for at least 2 minutes.

For at least the first 6 weeks, minimize your exposure to filth.

Use sterile bandage or other sterile dressing **ONLY** when necessary to protect from dust or other environmental factors. Most infections occur due to poor treatment. Every body heals differently and at different rates. Approximate healing period for most body piercing is 4 - 8 weeks.

If you have any further questions, please contact us or your artist.

Consult a health care practitioner at the first sign of infection or an allergic reaction, and report any diagnosed infection, allergic reaction or adverse reaction resulting from the tattoo to the artist and to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Drugs and Medical Devices Group, at 1-888-839-6676