

TATTOO AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS: SANIDERM/SECOND SKIN

- Always wash your hands before touching your tattoo!
- Clean and dry your new tattoo and surrounding skin (do not use any lotions or ointments).
- Peel off the paper backing of Saniderm/Second Skin to reveal the adhesive side.
- Gently apply over the tattoo, leaving about 1 to 2 inch(es) of the bandage in contact with undamaged skin around the tattoo. More than an inch may be needed in highly mobile areas such as knees, hands, etc.
- Remove the top surface backing, leaving only the Saniderm bandage on the tattoo.
- The first piece of Saniderm/Second Skin should stay on for 10-20 hours, depending on how much the tattoo bleeds. It's normal for blood and fluids to collect under the bandage.
- Remove the bandage, clean and dry the area and wait 1 -2 hours and then apply the second piece (do not use any lotions or ointments before applying the second piece of Saniderm/Second Skin) If you just got linework or a very small tattoo the artist might suggest keeping the first piece on for 3 to 4 days.
- The second piece can be worn for up to 4 days. Your body will typically tell you when it's ready to come off. It will be itchy or just uncomfortable when it is ready to come off.
- Application Tips:
 - For maximum comfort ensure skin is in a neutral position when applying Saniderm
 - When cutting to size, rounded corners provide the best adhesion.
 - For large areas, pieces of Saniderm/Second Skin may be overlapped by 1/2 inch (1 cm).
 - When applying to elbows and knees the joint should be in a neutral position, neither straight nor completely bent.
- Do not use Saniderm/Second Skin if you have allergies to adhesives.

WHAT TO AVOID:

- Do not pick, scratch, peel, slap, rub or irritate your tattoo.
- You can shower, but you may not soak your tattoo for 2 weeks. No swimming, soaking or hot tub.
- You may not expose your tattoo to the sun for at least 3 weeks, after that you must use sun block.
- Do not wear abrasive materials, jewelry, or shoes that rub against your tattoo.
- Do not let anyone touch your tattoo, unless they wash their hands.
- Beware of gym equipment; wash it well before using it.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Ice your tattoo to reduce swelling.
- Elevate your tattoo, to reduce swelling.
- Take short showers.

If you have any questions, please call the shop during business hours at 931-553-1023.