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BEFORE YOU INK

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TATTOO BEFORE-CARE

Some tips before you get a tattoo:

- The studio is clean and sterile with a good reputation.
- The artist will answer all your questions and explain the procedures to you.
- The artist is using new, sealed, sterilized needles (and disposes of them properly).
- The artist is wearing new latex or vinyl gloves and all the equipment is sealed and sterile.
- Know that the ink is fresh and in new cups.
- The razors are used once and disposed of.
- Make sure you feel comfortable with the artist and the studio work space.
- Ask to see their portfolio, health board, and spore test (sterilizer) certificate.
- You want a professional to do your tattoo; ask how long they have been tattooing.
- Your risk of hassles and infections go up with an amateur tattooist.
- The artist has full aftercare instructions that need to be followed.
- If you are uncomfortable at any time, leave.