

Guidelines for Body Art Aftercare Instructions

General aftercare instructions are not permissible for all body art procedures. Aftercare for tattooing and piercing are different as are for different types of piercing. Other forms of body modification like branding and cutting will need aftercare instructions specific to the body art procedure.

Aftercare instructions shall include the following information:

1. Name and phone number of the studio
2. The body artist's name
3. Detailed description of how to care for the body art procedure site.
4. Healing process description which will include expected duration, possible side effects and abnormalities.
5. Restrictions and limitations during the healing process.
6. Advice to consult a physician at the first signs of any adverse reaction (swelling, infection, fever, illness, allergic reactions, etc.)
7. The following statement:

“Outside of the normal limits of healing, any concerns that your body art has resulted in complications, infection or disease should be reported to:

Denver Department of Public Health & Environment
Public Health Investigations-Body Art
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202
phicomments@denvergov.org
720-865-5401

You may also report to your artist any concerns about complications, infections or disease. The rules and regulations governing body art establishments and body artists require that the body artist report those conditions to the Department within 24 hours of discovery.”