



TATTOOS: The Process, Risks and Contraindications

The Process

Getting a tattoo is a permanent procedure that involves depositing ink into the skin using a tattoo machine. The process begins with a consultation to discuss your design, placement, and any concerns. On the day of your appointment, the artist will clean and prepare the skin, stencil the design (if applicable), and begin tattooing using sterile equipment. After completion, the tattoo will be cleaned, and aftercare instructions will be provided to ensure proper healing.

Numbing Cream

We do not recommend using numbing cream. If you choose to, only EMLA cream - available over the counter at pharmacists may be used. This should be applied by you following manufacturers instructions an hour before your appointment. Any numbing creams available online are prohibited and use of these will forfeit your deposit.

Risks

While professional tattooing is generally safe, there are potential risks, including:

Infection – If aftercare is not followed correctly, bacteria can enter the tattooed area, leading to infection.

Allergic Reactions – Some individuals may react to tattoo ink, resulting in redness, itching, or swelling.

Scarring – Improper healing, excessive scratching, or picking at the tattoo can cause scarring.

Ink Spreading (Blowout) – Ink may spread under the skin, leading to a blurred appearance.

Diseases – When performed in unregulated settings, there is a risk of transmission of infections like Hepatitis or HIV. We ensure strict hygiene and sterilization protocols to eliminate this risk.

Contraindications- Tattooing may not be suitable for individuals with:

Skin Conditions – Active eczema, psoriasis, or keloid-prone skin in the area to be tattooed.

Blood Disorders – Conditions like hemophilia or those on blood-thinning medications may lead to excessive bleeding.

Allergies – Known allergies to tattoo ink, latex, or antiseptics used during the process.

Weakened Immune System – Those undergoing chemotherapy, with autoimmune diseases, or healing disorders may experience delayed healing or complications.

Pregnancy & Breastfeeding – It is advised to wait due to potential ink absorption and increased infection risks.

Before proceeding, we encourage open communication about your health history and any concerns you may have. Your safety and satisfaction are our top priorities.