



Sea, Sun, Sand... Think!

Ocean and pond water, swimming pools, hot tubs and saunas all harbor infectious organisms that may infect your new tattoo or piercing.

Microorganisms just love warm, moist environments and reproduce rapidly. Although most organisms are not harmful to us, open wounds (piercings) and abrasions (tattooed skin) invite organisms to set up housekeeping which can have disastrous results.

Think about it for a minute: people urinate, defecate and spit in bodies of water. You wouldn't allow them to do this to your new tattoo or piercing would you? Then why expose your new body art or piercing to these elements?!

Ultra-violet light rays emitted from our sun (including tanning beds) will damage the skin. We will not tattoo or pierce skin that has *recently* suffered extreme exposure to UV light. If you are heavily sunburned, please wait until your skin has peeled and flaked before getting tattooed or pierced. If you have a base tan with no evidence of sunburn, of course you can get your new tattoo or piercing!

Sand and dirt is contaminated with all kinds of nasties — fungus from people with “athlete’s foot” that are walking barefoot on the beach, tetanus (have you had a tetanus vaccination in the last 10 years?) that thrives in the superficial layers of soil and loves open wounds/abrasions, and many other potentially infectious organisms that are sitting on the sand waiting for you. Be careful not to expose your new design or piercing to sand and dirt elements.

THINK ... FOR SAFETY’S SAKE

- Wait until **AFTER** your vacation to obtain body art or piercings. We have been here since 1978 and will be here when you return from vacation!
- Use a **SUNBLOCK** such as “Bullfrog” brand to protect your skin. Limit your exposure to the sun — don’t invite melanomas and early wrinkles.
- You **MUST** stay out of water for at least 2 weeks after getting a new tattoo and 3 weeks after a new piercing. If you already have a new tattoo or piercing and they are healed then **HAVE SAFE FUN** and we will see you in the near future!

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