

Tattoo/Piercing Appointment Etiquette

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

→ PLEASE BE ON TIME AND COMPLETE YOUR INTAKE FORM BEFORE YOU COME IN (BUT THAT DAY)- Especially if you have a piercing appointment, which we do back to back and are sometimes 15 minute slots, so if you are over 5 mins late we may have to reschedule with a loss of your deposit. FOR MINORS GETTING PIERCINGS PLEASE REVIEW OUR ID POLICY linked [here](#) or at figure8ink.com/piercing (FIRST LINK). Failure to bring correct ID may result in loss of deposit

→ CASH IS PREFERRED. There is a small fee for the use of debit and/or credit cards.

- Debit: 1.5% | Credit: 3%
- Feel free to ask for a rough estimate of how many hours/sessions your tattoo may take. Our average shop rate is \$185 hour (projects range from 150-220/hour depending on many factors)
- All piercing prices are listed on our website on the piercing page

→ Food/Drink

- Eat within 4 hours of your appointment. (For longer appointments please come prepared with snacks/food.)
- Please ask your artist before consuming outside food in their tattoo station.
- Avoid/limit coffee/caffeinated beverages the day of.
- Stay hydrated! This makes a huge difference

→ Please be aware of PERSONAL HYGIENE!

- Your artist is working within your personal space, and poor hygiene can be extremely distracting and can potentially affect the outcome of your piece.
- If you are coming from the gym, please be showered and in clean/fresh clothing!
- If you are getting a piercing, please be aware of mouth/dental and/or genital hygiene. (Please plan booking genital piercing around your menstrual cycle.)

→ Please AVOID the following:

- fidgeting/moving your phone/devices while getting tattooed.
- audible videos/music on your phone, as this can be extremely distracting for your artist. Headphones are encouraged :)
- Sudden voluntary movements or squirming. (For example, talking with hands can affect line quality.)

- aggressive/disrespectful language, or discussing politics/race/gender issues.
- painkillers (like Ibuprofen, Advil, Tylenol) and/or alcohol within 24 hours of appointment.

→ Dress appropriately for your tattoo/piercing.

- For example - button down shirts for back pieces (can be worn backwards); loose shorts for legs; sleeveless shirts for arms; bikini bottoms for rib/hip/thigh pieces as appropriate.
- Wear clothing you wouldn't mind getting ink/blood on!
- Please make sure you are comfy! (Small blankets and pillows are welcome.)

→ Please ASK before taking any pictures/videos in tattoo/piercing stations.

→ Let us know beforehand if...

- you plan on bringing a guest. (You may need prior approval.)
- you plan on using any numbing cream. (It's a complicated issue that must be discussed!)

→ Due to liability reasons, NO CHILDREN UNDER 10 permitted. We have areas that are not safe for children to move around in.

→ Please be sure to communicate...

- any and all scheduling needs. (Examples: time constraints, how many sessions, etc.)
- any budgetary needs. (Shop rates are \$150-200 depending on artist/project complexity.)

→ The following conditions may prevent you from getting tattooed/pierced, or may require preapproval from your doctor:

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding
- Bloodthinners
- Sunburned
- Female Cycle (genital piercings)