

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Minimal Aftercare Instructions for Branding**  
**8/19/2013**

**Body Art Type:** Branding

**Approximate Healing Time:** 1 month

**Supplies Needed:** Fragrance Free and Dye Free soap

**Aftercare Instructions:** Clean the branded area twice daily, morning and evening. Use a gentle circular scrubbing motion with your hand or a soft washcloth. Heavy scrubbing may irritate the area causing distortion of the brand. Let the area air-dry or use clean sterile dressing tissue or gauze to blot-dry the area. Don't use your regular bath towel because it can harbor germs that may get into the exposed tissue and cause an infection.

**Additional Considerations:** During the initial healing phase you may wish to keep the area covered with sterile dressing to prevent the healing fluids from adhering to clothing and bed sheets. If the sterile dressing adheres to the brand, soak the dressing off in the shower or with distilled or sterile water. If you pull the adhered material off the brand, it may distort the shape of the lines. Brands will spread sufficiently without any type of irritation or abrasion.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the body art facility where your branding was performed. In addition, you should seek medical attention if the branding site becomes infected or painful, or if you develop a fever shortly after being branded.