

AFTERCARE

Post-piercing complications are rare when using Studex® products as directed.

Statistics show that by far the greatest percentage of all post piercing complications are caused through negligent after-care procedures performed by the customer.

In order to promote a trouble-free healing process, all customers receiving an ear piercing with Studex® products should observe the following after care advice.

- Wash hands thoroughly before touching studs or ear, (using antibacterial soap if available)
- Cleanse front and back of ear with Studex® Ear Care Solution at least twice a day without removing studs. Then rotate studs 2 or 3 times, 180° left and 180° right, i.e. ½ turn's only, thus avoiding hair wrapping around the post at the back of the lobe. In between cleansing, keep ears DRY.
- This procedure should be carried out each day for 6 weeks.

DO NOT:

- Remove the studs or handle your ears and/or studs unnecessarily. This increases the chances of a bacterial infection.
- For the first 6 months after the healing period, do not go longer than 24 hours without earrings or the holes could begin to close.
- Push the butterfly along the post towards the ear - the butterfly must always be positioned at the tip of the post. Feel the back of the butterfly each time you cleanse the ear - it must feel smooth.
- Use alcohol based solutions.
- Allow hairspray, soap, shampoo and other preparations near the ear.

DO:

- Leave studs in ears for 6 weeks continuously (12 weeks for cartilage). After 6 weeks (12 weeks for cartilage), the studs can be removed and other post-type earrings may be worn continuously.
- Use only post style earrings continuously for the first 5 months from piercing (12 months for cartilage). The post should be surgical stainless steel or other hyper-allergenic material.
- After shampooing, rinse the ear with clear water and then prepare with a Studex® supplied Ear Care product as described above.
- Consult with your piercer if undue pain/swelling/redness persists after the initial 48 hour period post piercing. (Minor pain and a small amount of redness is normal – but will subside a few days after the piercing. Your piercer will refer you to a GP if he or she deems it necessary).

EAR CARTILAGE:

Due to the nature of ear cartilage, extra care should be observed during the healing period. Minor pain/redness may occur immediately - this is normal. This should settle within 48 hours provided proper after care is carried out. If undue pain/swelling/redness occurs at any time, seek medical advice immediately, before removing the ear-piercing stud. Failure to properly follow after-care procedures or to seek immediate medical advice should a problem occur may result in permanent scarring to the ear cartilage.