

Health Social and Employment Risks of Tattoos

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Body Modification (Tattoos)

Getting a tattoo is not beneficial because of obvious reasons. It affects the health of an individual because these tattoos breach the skin of an individual. This breaching can be harmful in terms of skin infections and allergic reactions like red or green dyes. The ink gets injected into the skin, but the colour pigments in it are designed for printers, not for humans. These pigments can lead to various diseases. People also don't [get tattoos](#) because they think about what people would say about it or what might be their reaction. In some societies, tattoos are considered a symbol of evil.

Tattoos can be a hurdle in getting a job from an organization. Tattoos are perceived quite differently by different employers and individuals. Many organizations have placed strict statements in their company policies. Most employers hold a very negative perspective against body modification by tattoos. Most of all, it depends upon the interviewer how he perceives that whole tattoo thing. Moreover, symbols should not promote racism or hate. People should not be offended by any specific tattoos having some meaning that the person having the tattoo might not understand.

Many religions have different opinions and beliefs about modifying the body by getting tattoos. Christians have different beliefs regarding body modification. According to their holy book, the Bible, some of them think that tattoos are forbidden in their religion because of some of the instructions given there, while others have quite the opposite views. Jewish traditions also prohibited the idea of getting permanent changes in the body. They believed that the body is a gift from the Lord, and one should not tamper with it. This tempering shows their disrespect towards their lord. Hinduism believes tattoos as a part of their culture. In their culture, there is no prohibition on having tattoos on the body. Islam does have a very strict belief in body modification through tattoos. They believed that getting tattoos could permanently prevent them from being at peace with God.

Think Before Getting Tattoos

People should need to think about certain factors before crafting tattoos. Once someone crafts a tattoo, it remains forever because while crafting, the needle is injected deep into the skin, so its mark remains forever. The body has complex processes that keep our skin free from infections. But once the ink is injected into the body, the same body allows that ink to live there forever. (Islam et al., 2016) Anything that one draws on the skin gradually flakes or is washed off. However, tattoos are crafted inside the skin, named the dermis, from where that ink never flakes off. Tattoos can also

become a hurdle in getting a good job due to the strict regulations of many organizations. Many employers think that these tattoos might offend their customers, which may result in a reduction in getting orders. So, one should think about having tattoos as it might affect their professional life and might reduce their chances of getting hired by some organizations.

In a society, tattoos may not be accepted by everyone because of the adverse impact of the tattoos, as revised from many articles and being seen through media about the gang sign. Not everyone has positive views about tattoos; some people still get standard discrimination whenever they are in stores or at airports. Also, standard discrimination can be faced because only a few groups of people have tattoos while others don't have it. So, one should think about this discrimination before crafting tattoos. At first, the tattoo may give a charm to the appearance, but as time passes and the body gets older, these tattoos can become ugly on that old skin.

Although everyone wants to look charming, before crafting tattoos, remember that when the needle is injected deep into the body, it results in a lot of pain and even causes injury. Skin gets stabbed between 1 to 20 needles at a time, over and over again. It gets stabbed almost hundreds of thousands of times in a single sitting, so it's just a lot of pain. As the needle is inserted into the top two layers of the skin, there is an obvious risk to health due to a breaking of the skin, which might lead to the entrance of bacteria causing HIV and Hepatitis B or C. So one should need to consider this factor that their health might be affected in a very serious way.

Negative Consequences of Body Modification

One of the drawbacks of body modification by tattoos is that it remains forever as long as you live. Researchers believe that the ink that is injected deep into the skin will remain there. Because it's been injected into the deepest layer of the skin, named the dermis, as this layer of the skin is stabbed a million times, it leaves a permanent mark on it. It will only be demolished after the decay of the body. Researchers believe that the immune system cells help the body accept tattoos. As time passes, these tattoos start looking imperfect on older skin. Skin mostly becomes loose when getting old, so it also affects the size of the tattoo, which might expand and give an imperfect view.

Tattoos have the unwanted allergic reaction which associated with the ink that is being injected. The ink that is used for crafted tattoos contains several ingredients and chemicals that might cause someone to be allergic to it. Substances like ferric hydrate, mercury sulfide, aluminium and iron oxide are a few of the ingredients that may be included in the ink. (U.S. Food and Drug Administration, n.d.) A person who has an allergy to these substances can be harmful after crafting a tattoo. An allergic reaction may not be sudden, but as time passes or the environment changes, some allergens may start to show their effect. Lighter colours like yellows and greens, when exposed to sunlight, can produce some unfavourable allergies. Apart from the medical background, people who come from conservative backgrounds, these tattoos can be a cause of emotional harassment for them.

People having their bodies crafted can come to face even stronger discrimination from society. As not everyone has tattoos, it's obvious that standard discrimination can be faced because not everyone has open views of having tattoos. Levels of depression can also be increased by getting more tattoos on the body. Women who are breast cancer survivors and abuse victims mostly craft tattoos. But these tattoos, instead of recovering them mentally, can cause more emotional and depressive impact on them.

Conclusion

The trend of having a tattoo on the body is growing rapidly in the young generation, mostly by watching their favourite star artists and players. No matter what the reason is, before going to have a tattoo on the body, an individual must think about its positive and negative impacts. Despite its moral certainty, it had a severe effect on personal health, which may lead to medical complexity. Having tattoos from untrusted parlours can cause untreatable diseases, which may lead towards death. Besides its moral certainty, it has great impacts on a person's health and social and professional life. One must think about the consequences that may influence one's personality in social, medical, emotional, and professional ways.

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