

# THINK BEFORE YOU *INK*

## THE PREVALENCE OF TATTOOING

- 25% of young adults have at least one tattoo<sup>1</sup>
- 12-18 year olds have the most tattoos<sup>1,2</sup>
- Men and women are equally likely to have a tattoo<sup>3</sup>

The electronic tattoo gun made  
getting tattoos more

**convenient**<sup>3</sup>

**BUT...**

**THEY ARE LOOSELY  
REGULATED:**

Only 14 States have  
regulated sanitation,  
training, and  
infection control!<sup>4</sup>

## HEALTH COMPLICATIONS:

Allergic Reaction  
Infections  
Cancer<sup>5</sup>

Tattoos can be **GOOD!**

**Just Think Before You Ink**

1. Check the tattoo parlor's sanitation procedure
2. Research your tattoo artist
3. Read about the tattooing procedure

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