



Common Myths About Piercings

Myth: Getting pierced with a piercing-gun is safe.

Fact: Getting pierced with a piercing-gun is very unhealthy for your body. A piercing-gun inflicts blunt trauma force to the body (sort of like trying to punch a hole through your arm) which increases the chance for infection and an unpleasant healing process. ALL piercings should be performed with a hollow, surgical steel needle. This will alleviate the problem of "blowout" (having a volcano-like build-up of flesh around the exit hole of you piercing) and decrease chances for infection.

Myth: Getting pierced is extremely painful.

Fact: Getting pierced is not nearly as painful as you think. Although pain really depends on the person, and their tolerance, the pain associated with piercing is only for short-term. Almost every piercing I've performed has been followed by a smile or a laugh ... but this isn't to be mistaken as a claim that piercing is painless.

Myth: Getting pierced is not a sterile or safe practice.

Fact: There are plenty of sterile and safe professional piercing studios and piercer's. Unfortunately, the few assholes out there who don't give a shit provide the public and media with negative (and sometimes scary) stories. If you ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe in any piercing establishment, leave immediately and proceed to another shop ... there's no excuse for weak-ass piercer's or piercing shops when there are plenty quality ones to choose from!!

Myth: Piercing is Evil or has to do with the Devil.

Fact: Piercing is not evil, demonic, or devilish. In fact, piercing is one of the oldest rituals performed by the human species. Piercing is a universal experience that can symbolize many different things to many different people. Some more common symbols include royalty, bravery, spirituality, and rite of passage. Any negative connotations associated with piercing stem from western interpretations of biblical passages dissuading people from marking or adorning their body. Otherwise, you should feel proud and excited about expressing yourself through body art.

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Myth: Piercing is a "fad" or "trend".

Fact: Hell no!! Piercing has been around since back in the day. It has been practiced in nearly every culture all over the world for thousands of years. The reason why some weak-ass journalists call piercing a "fad" or "trend" is either because they don't get around much or they are uneducated about the myriad of cultures and societies that inhabit our planet. Now that body art has spread beyond a select few subcultures in the US, our peoples have come to appreciate the beautification and joy that body art offers.

Myth: Drinking beer will give you a yeast infection after an oral piercing.

Fact: Alcohol of any kind is an irritant, but a yeast infection is more likely to occur when using products like Glyoxide or Peroxyl (which can over oxygenate the back of the tongue).

Myth: Half of your face will go numb if an eyebrow is pierced incorrectly.

Fact: Nerves tend to "hide" near the bone and under the muscles as protection from minor cuts, burns, etc. An eyebrow piercing should never be so deep that this becomes a concern.

Myth: There is a vein in the tongue that if punctured will cause you to bleed to death.

Fact: Although there are fairly major vessels in the tongue, bleeding to death is a stretch. However, severe bleeding is a possibility and nothing will stop it as quickly as direct pressure. If bleeding doesn't stop within 5-10 minutes, go to your local emergency room.