

Tattoos: a Real Trouble

Nowadays, it is very common to see people with tattoos. Tattoos have existed since the beginning of civilization like a sign of achievement or power in primitive groups, and today people still want one but now tattoos are for trivial or fashionable reasons. Today tattoos are seen like art but the only difference is that it's on the skin. Whether flaunted or hidden, sought as art or bought out of a souvenir, the tattoo has left its mark on generation after generation. Although some people, specially teenagers, think that tattoos are sign of freedom or expression, I believe that having a tattoo could be a real trouble.

First of all, some people think that having a tattoo is a way to be fashionable and something that not everybody does. However, these ideas are so superficial, getting a permanent tattoo is not a game, is a serious act that must be thought, because it's something that will last all your life. And if you don't choose well, you could regret.

Then, opponents believe that having a tattoo is cheap and if someday you do not want it, you can remove it. But removing a tattoo is an expensive treatment that approximately will cost \$450 to \$2300 depending on the size and if the tattoo was professionally applied or not. The most common problem that occurs with tattoos is the desire to remove them. This idea is true; therefore, the problem here is that this treatment is painful and expensive. That is why you have to think twice before getting a tattoo.

In addition, many people tend to get a tattoo just to remember someone or something that has marked their lives. Tattoos create a bad image with people, so it's more difficult to find a job and be discriminated. Furthermore, people tend to discriminate against people with tattoo because they associate tattoos like a gang activity or like a criminal. So, it's not recommended to put the face of someone on your body if you want to get a job.

To sum up, it's clear that having a tattoo has more disadvantages and the beliefs of the opponents are superficial and trivial. I think that people have to accept that getting a tattoo is risky and it could be a real problem finding a job. Also, people need to understand that they would be better without tattoos, and that freedom of expression should come second of decent exposure.