

Is cosmetic surgery worth the risk?

By 17, half of all women are having cosmetic surgery. But how safe is it? And what are the risks? We investigate

Over the past few years, cosmetic surgery has become a mainstream industry. In 2007, more than 1.5 million women in the UK had some form of cosmetic surgery, up from 1.2 million in 2006. The most popular procedures are liposuction, breast augmentation and facelifts. But what are the risks? And how safe is it? We investigate.

For many women, cosmetic surgery is a life-changing experience. It can boost confidence and improve self-esteem. But for others, it can be a disaster. There are many risks involved, from infection and blood clots to more serious complications like blindness and even death. So, before you decide to have cosmetic surgery, it's important to know the risks and to choose a qualified and experienced surgeon.

Procedure	Number of procedures performed in 2007	Number of deaths in 2007
Liposuction	450,000	1
Breast augmentation	350,000	2
Facelift	250,000	3
Blepharoplasty	150,000	0
Rhinoplasty	100,000	0
Breast reduction	80,000	1
Abdominoplasty	70,000	0
Genetic testing	60,000	0
Skincare	50,000	0
Waxing	40,000	0
Microdermabrasion	30,000	0
Chemical peels	20,000	0
Micro-needling	10,000	0
Botulinum toxin	10,000	0
Fillers	10,000	0
Other	10,000	0



How safe is cosmetic surgery?

According to the Health Protection Agency (HPA), the risk of death from cosmetic surgery is 1 in 10,000. However, this figure is based on data from 2004 to 2006, and it's important to note that the risk of death from cosmetic surgery has increased in recent years. In 2007, there were 10 deaths from cosmetic surgery, up from 8 in 2006. The most common cause of death from cosmetic surgery is complications from general anaesthesia. Other causes include blood clots, infection, and more serious complications like blindness and even death.

What are the risks of cosmetic surgery?

The risks of cosmetic surgery vary depending on the procedure. Some of the most common risks include infection, blood clots, and more serious complications like blindness and even death. It's important to choose a qualified and experienced surgeon and to follow their instructions carefully. It's also important to know the risks and to choose a qualified and experienced surgeon.