

on) Extremely bad, unpleasant, and degrading.  
Experienced to the maximum degree.  
vile - wretched - despicable - poor

## from the back I can't front on"

~Kanye West

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"I like big butts and I can not lie," belted Sir Mix-a-lot in the popular 90's rap song. Having a round derriere has become a popular trend in the underground or black market of plastic surgery. Hydrogel injections for the buttocks, have caused women all over the world to become victims of their own insecurity.

In today's culture, having a bigger, firmer, rounder ass-etic is the new necessity and women from every country, and age will do just about anything to fit into this new idea of beauty. Video vixens like Melissa Ford and celebrities such as Jennifer Lopez and A-lister Kim Kardashian, have propelled the new epidemic and sparked the demand that beauty begins with your booty.

As the average woman does not have the bank account of Lopez or Kardashian, illegal hydrogel injections provide a less invasive cheaper alternative. Many women have flocked to hotel rooms, apartments, and hair salons to have the dangerous procedure performed. Professional doctors use an approved substance called hydrogel to inject their patients, but black market "doctors" have bootlegged the chemical and are cashing out on insecure women everywhere.

Hydrogels contains water and polyacrylamide. Polyacrylamide is used in wastewater treatment and paper making for flocculation of solids in a solution. It is also used in Gro Beast Toys, causing the toy to swell up once it touches water. During these illegal butt enhancement sessions, the hydrogel solution is literally injected into the buttocks muscle tissue, and the polyacrylamide acts as a filler to enhance the size of the buttocks. These temporary injections are not permanent and must be refilled and maintained every 18 months, at a rate of \$1,500-3,000 per session. The procedure can last anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the quantity of the injections.

The areas are injected several times and given a massage to distribute the filler evenly to form the wanted shape. The swelling subsides within 24 to 48 hours. Results are seen within two weeks after the procedure however, side effects may include but are not limited to fever, infection, kidney failure, irregular shaped buttocks, permanent migration of the injection to other areas of the body such as down the leg, thigh, or to other places other than the buttocks and in the worst case scenario it can lead to death.

Cases of women being infected, and death have risen as the illegal procedure has traveled country to country, and made thousands of underground dollars.

One woman, known as Vanity Wonder, spent over

\$15,000 on injections, and corrective filling. Her personal narrative titled "Shot Girls" is available now and documents her involvement with illegal butt injections. Even after infection, Wonder continued to get "work" done.

Hydrogels are not FDA approved in the US for buttock injection. A legalized procedure called a Brazilian Micro-Fat Transfer uses 1600-2000 cc of the individual's own body fat for injections. One cc syringe of hydrogel cost over 500 dollars, according to cosmeticsurg.net. If the general amount to enhance the buttocks is as the Brazilian procedure, it will cost 1,000,000 dollars to inject the hydrogel. Therefore, it would be impractical to allow a non-licensed individual to perform hydrogel injections for only \$1500-3000 for the entire procedure.

There have been many reported cases of individuals being injected with builder's caulk, cement, fix-a-flat, cleaning gels and other deadly household chemicals that are irreversible, trying to achieve a rounder butt.

This dangerous procedure is often performed by posers, quack doctors, whom set up appointments in hotels and apartments--they disappear soon after the procedure.



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