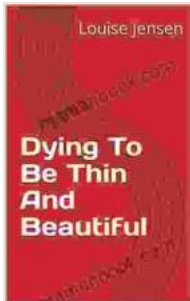


# Dying To Be Thin And Beautiful: The Deadly Consequences Of Eating Disorders



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Eating disorders are a serious mental illness that can lead to death. They are characterized by an unhealthy obsession with weight, body shape, and food. People with eating disorders may severely restrict their food intake, binge eat, purge, or use other unhealthy methods to control their weight.

Eating disorders are more common than you might think. In the United States, an estimated 20 million people suffer from an eating disorder. That's more than the number of people who suffer from cancer, heart disease, and stroke combined.

Eating disorders are not a choice. They are a mental illness that can be caused by a variety of factors, including genetics, personality traits, and life experiences. People with eating disorders often have a distorted body image and believe that they are overweight, even when they are not.

Eating disorders can lead to a variety of health problems, including malnutrition, dehydration, organ damage, and even death. People with eating disorders are also at an increased risk for suicide.

If you or someone you know is struggling with an eating disorder, please seek professional help immediately. Eating disorders are a serious mental illness, but they can be treated. With the right treatment, people with eating disorders can recover and live healthy, fulfilling lives.

## **Types of Eating Disorders**

There are several different types of eating disorders, including:

- **Anorexia nervosa** is characterized by an intense fear of gaining weight, a distorted body image, and severe food restriction. People with anorexia nervosa may also engage in excessive exercise and purging behaviors, such as vomiting or using laxatives.
- **Bulimia nervosa** is characterized by binge eating followed by purging behaviors, such as vomiting, using laxatives, or exercising excessively. People with bulimia nervosa may also have a distorted body image and an intense fear of gaining weight.
- **Binge eating disorder** is characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating, in which a person consumes a large amount of food in a short period of time. People with binge eating disorder may feel a loss of control during binge eating episodes and may eat until they are uncomfortably full.
- **Other specified feeding or eating disorder** is a category for eating disorders that do not meet the full criteria for anorexia nervosa, bulimia

nervosa, or binge eating disorder. This category includes disorders such as avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder and purging disorder.

## **Causes of Eating Disorders**

The exact cause of eating disorders is unknown, but a number of factors are thought to contribute to their development, including:

- **Genetics:** Eating disorders are more common in people who have a family history of the disorder.
- **Personality traits:** People with certain personality traits, such as perfectionism, low self-esteem, and a need for control, are more likely to develop eating disorders.
- **Life experiences:** Traumatic life experiences, such as childhood abuse or neglect, can increase the risk of developing an eating disorder.
- **Cultural factors:** The media and society often promote unrealistic body ideals, which can contribute to body dissatisfaction and eating disorders.

## **Symptoms of Eating Disorders**

The symptoms of eating disorders vary depending on the type of disorder. However, some common symptoms include:

- **Weight loss**
- **Excessive exercise**
- **Purging behaviors** (vomiting, using laxatives, or exercising excessively)

- **Preoccupation with weight and body shape**
- **Distorted body image**
- **Mood changes**
- **Social isolation**

## **Health Consequences of Eating Disorders**

Eating disorders can lead to a variety of health problems, including:

- **Malnutrition:** Eating disorders can lead to malnutrition, which can cause a variety of health problems, including fatigue, weakness, hair loss, and skin problems.
- **Dehydration:** Eating disorders can lead to dehydration, which can cause a variety of health problems, including dizziness, lightheadedness, and fatigue.
- **Organ damage:** Eating disorders can damage the heart, kidneys, liver, and other organs.
- **Bone loss:** Eating disorders can lead to bone loss, which can increase the risk of osteoporosis and fractures.
- **Tooth decay:** Eating disorders can damage the teeth, leading to tooth decay, cavities, and gum disease.
- **Death:** Eating disorders can be fatal.

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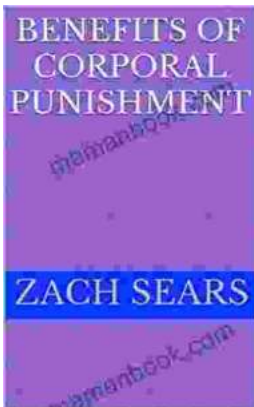
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