

# Eraser Burn Info

Parents, teachers and child caretakers should be aware of something that many students are doing that can increase their chances of getting a serious infection. It's called many things including "The ABC Test," "The Sissy Test," Erasing, or Eraser burn. [Eraser Burn Info](#). Unfortunately, some students have graduated to using other tools or techniques to inflict these burns, including staples or a combination of salt and ice. "How To" videos and the end results are everywhere on popular video sharing websites. The damage these kids can do to themselves is appalling.

This challenge or dare is regaining popularity especially amongst middle school aged students. Even though this is not a new behavior, people need to be aware of an additional risk. The same eraser used to burn one student is sometimes shared or used on another. Now we need to be worried not only about skin infections and possible complications, but also about diseases spread via contact with blood and body fluids.

Below are some resources for additional information on some of these concerns. If you suspect that your child is at risk for any of these infections, take them to see their primary healthcare provider for evaluation and possible treatment.

Strep skin infections including impetigo and toxic shock syndrome:

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/groupastreptococcal\\_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/groupastreptococcal_g.htm)

Staph infections:

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/bacterial\\_viral/staphylococcus.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/bacterial_viral/staphylococcus.html)[http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/bacterial\\_viral/staphylococcus.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/bacterial_viral/staphylococcus.html)

Tetanus:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/tetanus/photos.htm>

(WARNING- graphic, viewer discretion advised)

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/tetanus/in-short-both.htm>

Hepatitis B:

[http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/hepb\\_ez/index.htm](http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/hepb_ez/index.htm)

Hepatitis C:

[http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/hepc\\_ez/](http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/hepc_ez/)

HIV:

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/basic/>