



# ESSURE

PERMANENT SOLUTION OR  
PERMANENT PROBLEM?

## WHAT IS ESSURE?

Essure is a medical device that was marketed and sold to women in Canada and the United States as a **safe and non-surgical** solution for permanent birth control. The Essure device is made up of flexible metal coils and polyethylene fibers, which are inserted into the fallopian tubes.

Once in place, the device is supposed to cause an inflammatory response leading to the formation of scar tissue in the fallopian tubes, which then acts as a barrier to sperm and thus prevents conception.



## 2016 HEALTH CANADA

In 2016 Health Canada issued an alert noting a “risk of serious complications” from the device. Also in 2016, the US Food and Drug Administration issued a rare black box warning.



**Pain/Abdominal Pain (21,215)**

**Weight Fluctuation (4,970)**

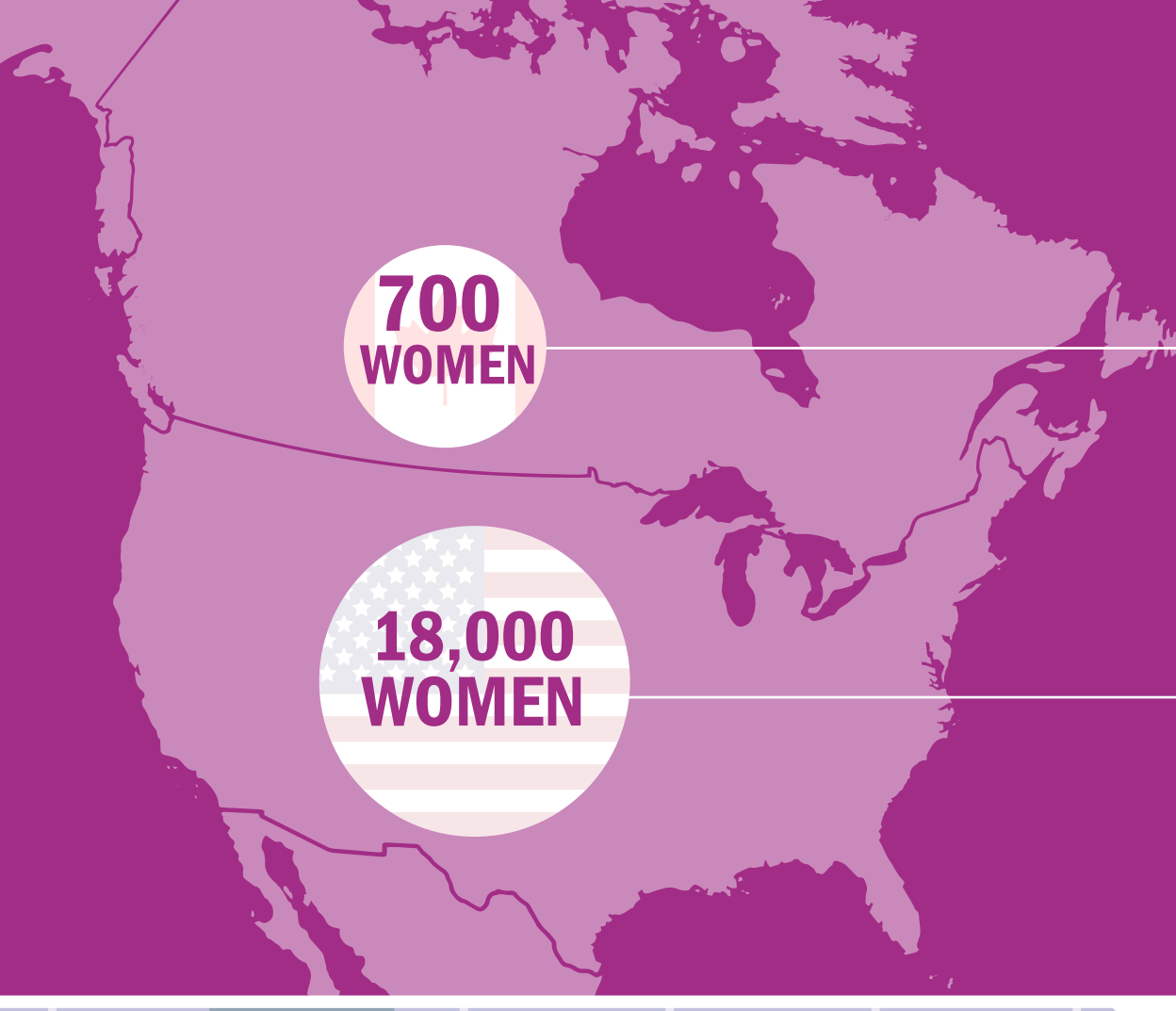
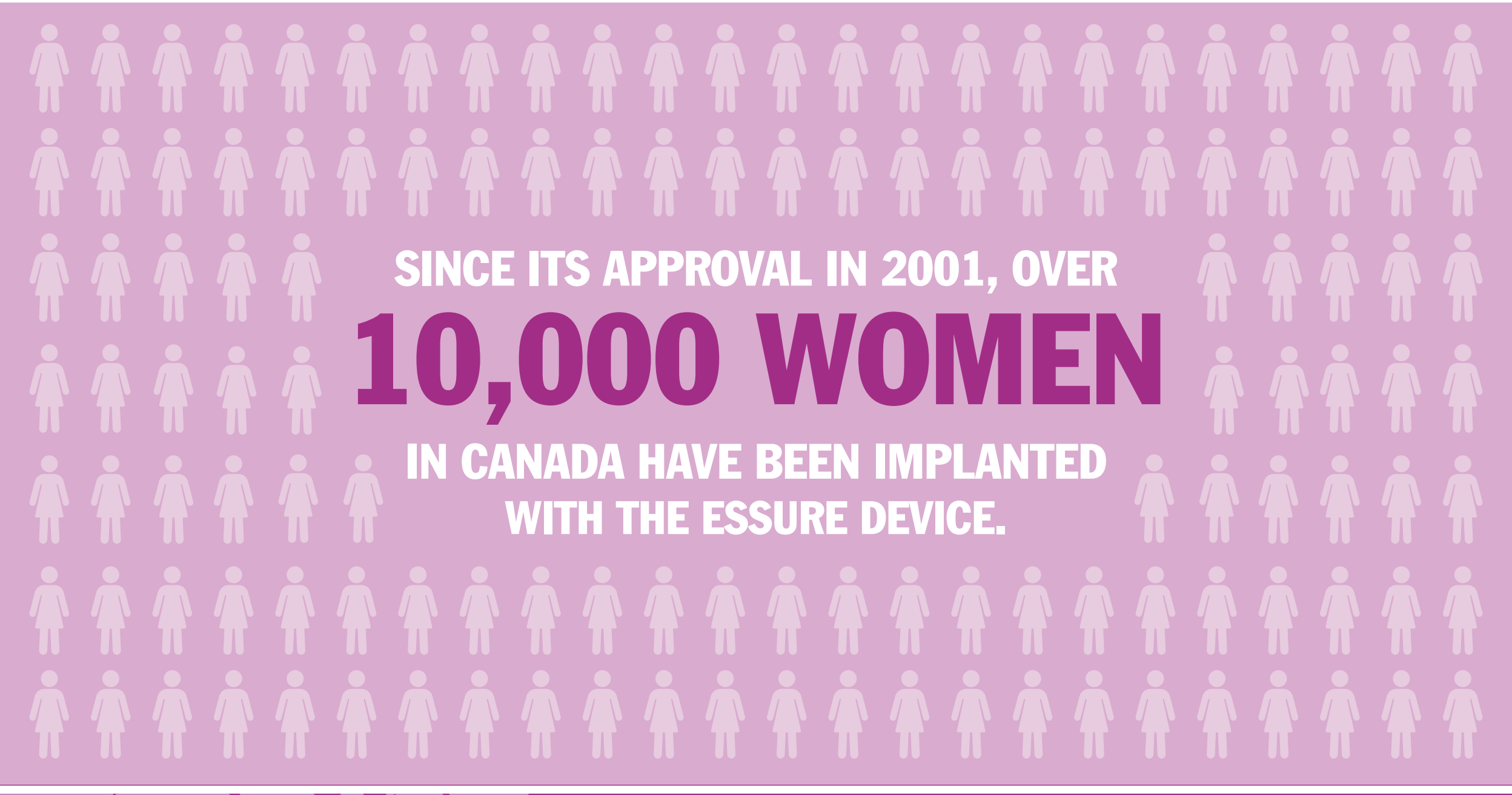
**Device Migration (2,936)**

**Dislodged Device (1,356)**

**Dislodged Breakage (1,044)**

**Death (48)**

## REPORTED ESSURE SIDE EFFECTS



## ESSURE LEGAL CASES

Since its approval in 2001, over 10,000 women in Canada have been implanted with the Essure device. More than 700 Canadian women have gone after Essure’s owner, multinational pharmaceutical company Bayer, for compensation.

However, in the U.S.A. approximately 18,000 women have taken legal action against Bayer in relation to Essure, alleging they have suffered injuries due to defective design and a failure to warn of known risks.



## ADDITIONAL SURGERIES REQUIRED DUE TO ESSURE

- 1 HYSTERECTOMY
- 2 PERFORATION REPAIR
- 3 INVASIVE DEVICE REMOVAL