

Tobacco

"The youth market is VERY important to the big tobacco companies, because young smokers are needed to replace older smokers who quit or die."

The Surgeon General's Report for Kids about Smoking, 1994.



KIDS are important to tobacco companies because if people don't start smoking while in school, they probably never will!

You mean we're TARGETS? They want us HOOKED so they can make more \$\$\$?



ADVERTISING is the way companies sell their products and make BIG \$\$\$... about \$200,000 for each 1 pack a day smoker who starts as a teen!

> Wow! Just IMAGINE what **I** could buy with \$200,000!!!

> > Tobacco



Have you ever heard the expression – Don't Believe Everything You See... or Hear... or Read?

Well, here's WHY you should be sceptical.

Tobacco ads don't tell the WHOLE truth.

They're a "smoke screen" designed to cover up the fact that ALL kinds of tobacco products are BAD for people's health.

In order to make more \$\$\$, companies used bright colors and pictures (even cartoon characters) to attract kids.

More recently, they've marketed -

- "Light" (meaning lower tar & nicotine) cigarettes, suggesting that that
 makes them safer or easier to quit (It doesn't!) Even though the FDA
 recently made cigarette companies remove words like "light" or "mild" users
 familiar with the package colors still assume they are safer...when they are
 NOT!
- Small filterless flavoured cigarettes (Don't be fooled. Even though "bidis" = smaller, they produce MORE tar & carbon monoxide than regular cigarettes.)
- Bubblegum and mint flavoured chewing tobacco (But sweet tastes can't cover up the serious health risks!)
- Even long thin cigars packaged in classy tin cases (Would clever packaging be enough to get YOU to try something you knew was dangerous?)
- The newest gimmick is "e-cigarettes" which are often made to look like real cigarettes. These electronic cigarettes are battery-operated and produce a vapour that is inhaled. Manufacturers claim they are safe because they don't actually burn. But the truth is they still contain nicotine which is HIGHLY addictive as well as a variety of toxic (that means poisonous) and cancer-causing substances. (Do we need to say more?)

Through their ads, tobacco companies try to sell the idea-

- That smoking is cool....even glamorous
- That EVERYONE does it (This TOTALLY isn't true. In fact, smoking for both U.S. adults & teens is down to only about 20%.)
- That people are really independent and grown up if they smoke cigarettes, cigars or pipes, or use smokeless tobacco

But the BEST way to be grown up is to make up your OWN mind and not let a big company do your thinking for you!

Isn't it great that MOST teens have chosen NOT to smoke?

MAJOR HARMFUL INGREDIENTS IN TOBACCO:

Where are

those cigarettes?

#1. NICOTINE —

an addictive and

poisonous drug found in ALL tobacco products — cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless tobacco. Nicotine speeds up ♥ rate and blood pressure, making the

body work harder, but less efficiently. Nicotine is also a moodaltering drug. (That means it changes the way people feel.) First it causes people to feel alert, awake, energized, and "up." [Yes, it is a central nervous system (CNS) stimulant.] Then calm and relaxed. It also decreases hunger. Some people use this as an excuse to smoke. They're afraid if they don't smoke, they'll gain weight.

Problem is, smoking causes MANY more serious problems than a few extra pounds ever will!

The major reason people continue using tobacco is to create the pleasant feelings (improved mood, alertness, & energy) caused by nicotine. Or to prevent the opposite unpleasant feelings (such as being tense, nervous, moody, hungry, "down," or depressed) that can happen when they stop.

Companies that make tobacco products

purposely design them to be sure they contain enough nicotine to cause addiction.

This keeps customers buying the products. People who are addicted have a very strong urge to use, and don't feel good without it.

There is no such thing as a "safe" level of nicotine. ANY amount can be harmful. Even occasional use may lead to addiction.

#2. TAR —

(like the black gooey stuff used to pave driveways) contains cancer causing agents known as carcinogens. The white smoke that is inhaled turns into a brown sticky substance that coats the lung tissue. Except for the little bit that is coughed up, the rest remains there forever.

#3. CARBON MONOXIDE —

(think car exhaust fumes) a highly poisonous gas that replaces oxygen in the blood causing smokers to get short of breath.

This is why coaches tell athletes not to smoke. Carbon monoxide can also impair hearing and night vision.

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RISKS... HAZARDS... COSTS...

An average smoker smokes 1 pack (20 cigarettes) a day. But it doesn't take years (or even months or weeks) for smoking to "cost" users. Things happen FAST. The chemicals in tobacco smoke travel through the lungs to the bloodstream. Once there, they're carried all over the body, reaching the brain in only about

Just ONE cigarette

- Increase heart rate
- Increase blood pressure
- Decrease sense of taste
- Blunt sense of smell
- □ Temporarily decrease appetite
- Deposit carcinogens in lungs
- Slow reflexes and muscle activity
- □ Drop temperature in toes and fingers
- Slow down movement of cilia...the tiny hairlike structures that filter air in the lungs. (It's their job to help keep the lungs clean.)
- Replace oxygen with carbon monoxide, causing headaches, dizziness, and shortness of breath.
- Make breath, hair, and clothes smell like ashtrays. (Smokers may not be aware of the smell, but other people sure are. YUK!!)

Any way you look at it... Smoking STINKS!!



One?



When people first start smoking, they often notice these changes right away...



- More frequent colds, coughs, and flu-like illnesses
- Unpleasant odour on fingers, hair, clothes, furniture, and breath
- Stains on teeth (and eventually on fingers from tobacco tar)
- Shortness of breath and loss of endurance causing decreased energy and athletic performance
- Increased mucus in airway passages
- Bronchitis due to swollen airways
- Cigarette damage (like holes!) in clothing,

SMOKING ALSO CAUSES...



DISEASE

Damage to the \forall and blood vessels occurs earlier and more often than cancers. Smoking is the leading cause of death from \forall attacks and strokes.

CANCERS

Smoking is the leading cause of cancers of the mouth, tongue, throat, larynx (that's your voice box), lungs, bladder, pancreas, and esophagus (that's the passageway between the throat and the stomach). 90% of people with lung cancer are smokers. And by the time most smokers FEEL it, it's often too late. (That means most of them die.)

Smoking may also increase the risk of colon (intestinal) cancer and some types of leukemia.

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More Problems Caused by Smoking...

LUNG DISEASES

Almost all cases of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) are caused by smoking. People with COPD have chronic bronchitis and emphysema, causing shortness of breath, disability, and eventually death.



MORE ILLNESS



Colds, infections, and many other types of sickness are more common in smokers due to their weaker immune system. They also develop more stomach ulcers, and miss more days of work. Because smokers are sick more often, and need more medical care, everyone pays for a smoker's poor health with increased costs for health insurance.

WRINKLES

Smoking causes wrinkles by decreasing blood circulation to the skin. Smokers look older than non-smokers the same age. And because their skin is thinner, women show it sooner than men.

You may want to look older – but who wants wrinkles?!?

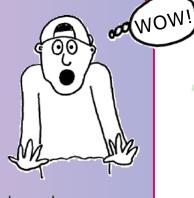
DEATH

On average, adults who smoke cigarettes die 13 to 14 years earlier than nonsmokers.

In all, approximately 443,000 people die each year from smoking, including about 49,000 just from exposure to second-hand smoke

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of death in the USA. It is responsible for more than all the deaths from AIDS, alcohol, other drug abuse, car crashes, murders, suicides, and fires combined!

Hopefully these needless deaths will decrease now that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has finally been granted permission to regulate the manufacturing and marketing of tobacco in the USA.



SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT SMOKING AND...



Pregnant Women

Pregnant women who smoke have a higher rate of miscarriage, stillbirth, and premature birth. Low birth weight and infections are also more common in newborns whose mothers smoke during pregnancy. Similar complications can also be found among infants of non-smoking women who are regularly exposed to someone else's cigarette smoke during pregnancy.



Infants

Infants who live in a household where someone smokes have more colds, asthma, ear infections, bronchitis, and pneumonia than infants in non-smoking homes. They cough and wheeze more and are twice as likely as newborns from non-smoking homes to be hospitalized for illness before the age of 2. Infants of mothers who smoked during pregnancy are three times more likely to die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Children

Children with a parent who smokes are not only at a higher risk for becoming smokers - they're also much more likely to have childhood health problems. They have more lung illnesses such as pneumonia and bronchitis. They also are much more likely to cough, have colds, and develop asthma.



Teens

60% of smokers start by age 13. And the younger people are when they start, the more likely they are to become addicted. They're also more likely to become heavy smokers, and die a premature, smoking-related death. Teens also tend to inhale more deeply, smoke more of each cigarette, deny the hazards of smoking, and rationalize their behavior. Most don't think THEY could ever become addicted. They don't really under-stand how HARD it is to stop. In one study of 12th grade daily smokers, only 5% expected to still be lighting up after 5 years. But almost 75% of them were still smoking 5 to 6 years later

More Special Concerns About Smoking and...

Other Risk-Taking Behavior

Compared with their non-smoking peers, youth who smoke cigarettes are 4 times more likely to use alcohol 12 times more likely to use cocaine, and 14 times likely to use marijuana.



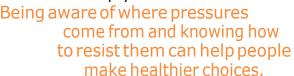
Medicines

Smoking may reduce the effectiveness of certain drugs, including some tranquilizers, insulin (needed by diabetics), theophylline, and some anti- depressants.



Decision-Making

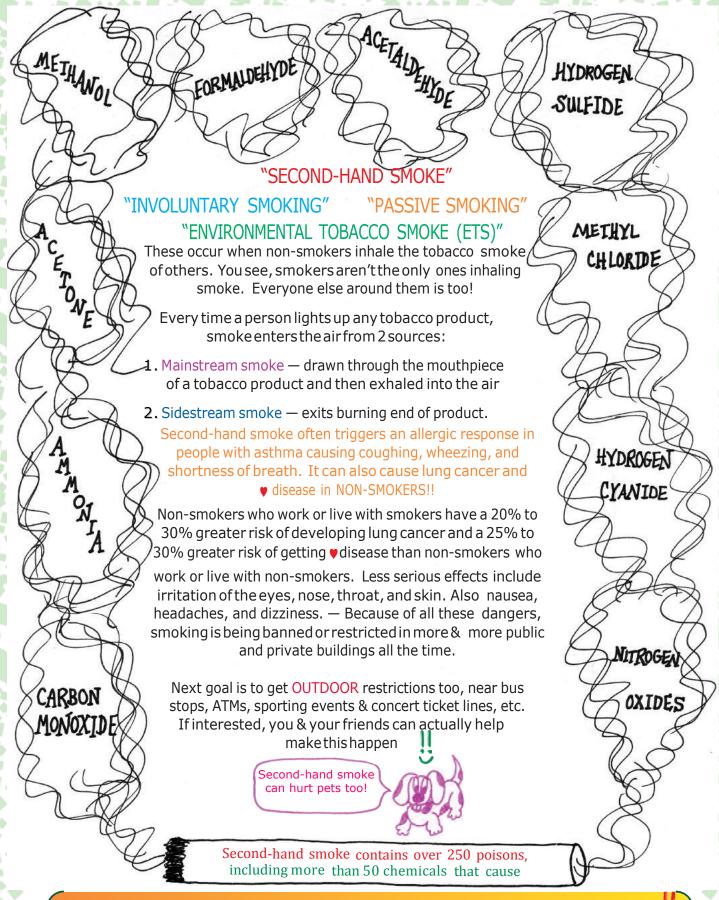
Younger and older people alike often feel pressure to use to bacco products. Some of these pressures come from environmental factors such as <u>advertising</u>, <u>role models</u>, and <u>peers</u>. Others come from inside the person...from things like curiosity or rebellion, or from wanting to lose weight, be accepted or simply "fit in."



(For more information about ways to say no, see the <u>Decision-Making Learning Center</u>.)



Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire death in the United States.



CIGARS ARE COOL?

What smells so

nasty?

Think again! What many people don't know about cigars (also known as "sticks," "stogies," "cool tools") can hurt them (and you too, from breathing in second-hand smoke).

Breathing in second-hand smoke from a cigar is a LOT worse than breathing in cigarette smoke. (The 2nd hand smoke from 1 cigar = 3 cigarettes. Lots of people get coughs, colds, sore throats...)

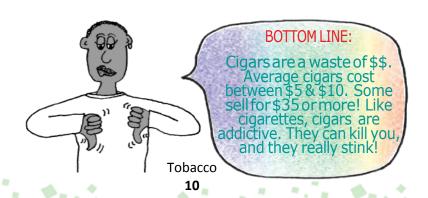
The 4000+ chemicals (including 43+ carcinogens and 23 poisons) in cigars greatly increase the risk of developing

lung cancer, ▼ disease, strokes, COPD, and death. Risks especially associated with cigar smoking include cancers of the mouth, lips, larynx, esophagus, and pancreas. Also peptic ulcers and teeth erosion.

Since cigar smokers aren't supposed to inhale (though ex-cigarette smokers often still do), some people believe the dangers aren't that great. But even if people don't inhale, cigar smoke is readily absorbed into the bloodstream through tissues on the inside of the mouth. Maybe that's why most cigars, like cigarettes, now carry health warnings from the Surgeon General of the United States.

In addition, cigars are larger and most do not have filters. In fact, a big cigar can contain more tobacco than a whole PACK of cigarettes!! Cigars also contain more tar, nicotine, & carbon monoxide than cigarettes AMOUNT CONTAINED IN ...

Ingredient	A typical filtered cigarette	A typical cigar			
Tobacco	.68 grams	8 grams			
Tar	.5-18 mg	16-110 mg			
Nicotine	.5-1.4 mg	1.7-5.2 mg			
Carbon Monoxide	.5-18 mg	90-120 mg			
Source: American Health Foundation					



SMOKELESS TOBACCO....

Kinds of Smokeless Tobacco

- Chewing Tobacco → "Chewing" Shredded tobacco is usually sold loose in a pouch. When placed in the che and sucked, the nicotine gets absorbed into the bloodstream through the lining of the cheek or gums.
- Moist Snuff → "Dipping" This is finely ground tobacco that is sold loose or in packets. Snuff is usually tucked between the gum and lower lip.
- 4. <u>Dry Snuff</u> → "Sniffing" This is powdered tobacco which is sniffed up the nose. It is rarely used in this country.



Smokeless Tobacco Can Lead To SERIOUS Health Problems:

- Oral cancers (mouth, tongue, lip, cheeks, gum, throat...) See a doctor or dentist FAST if you develop swelling, white leathery patches, pain, a sore that doesn't heal in 10 days, numbness or tingling of tongue or lips, or difficulty swallowing, moving your jaw, or talking.
- Gum and tooth problems
 (Note: Gum loss is
 PERMANENT and dentists
 can often detect changes
 after only 3 months of
 use)
- High blood pressure
- Nicotine addiction

REMEMBER:

- 1. Just because you may see people (like some baseball players) using smokeless tobacco doesn't mean its safe!
- 2. Some of the results of chewing, like bad breath, stained teeth, cracked bleeding lips, mouth sores, and constant spitting of slimy brown tobacco juice, can be a real "turn-off" for friends!
- 3. And don't gettricked by ads for "snus" (small moist teabag-like packets that are meant to be sucked) or flavored dissolvable kinds of smokeless to baccothat look like candy. They all still contain nicotine and can be addictive

"SMOKING CESSATION"

(Thatmeansquitting!)

The Good News...

When smokers stop, their health risks $\frac{1}{2}$ with each passing year. And things like their ability to taste & smell improve as well.

If people you know have tried quitting but have not been successful, tell them not to be discouraged. It sometimes takes several tries. Hopefully they will have learned something helpful from previous attempts and, as a result, be more successful in the future!



Recent medical research suggests that an effective way to quit is to combine:

- Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) (think nicotine patches, inhalers, nasal sprays, lozenges or gum). These lessen cravings by supplying gradually decreasing amounts of nicotine, making withdrawal from smoking easier.
 Using them can double a person's chances of quitting for good.
- Prescription Medications. As of July 1, 2009, however, the FDA is requiring Zyban and CHANTIX, two that seemed particularly promising, to carry a black box warning, the agency's strongest safety warning, due to potential negative side effects including depression, suicidal thoughts, and suicidal actions. The FDA also wants them to undergo further testing.

In addition, it makes sense to prepare a personal "toolbox" to help people stop for good. Here are some things that would be smart to include:

- A strong desire to quit. (Preparing a list of reasons to stop can be a GREAT motivator, and, for sure, there are plenty of good ones!)
- A calendar to mark your quit date. Choose one that has some meaning, but isn't too far into the future.
- A list of supportive family and friends. This can make a BIG difference.

More Ideas for Smoking Cessation...

- A plan for getting rid of matches, lighters, ashtrays, and leftover tobacco products.
- A plan for handling "trigger" situations that could lead you back to smoking. That means SPECIFIC ideas about what you'll do if you ever find yourself in a tempting situation. [For example, if you typically smoke each night after dinner, plan to enjoy chewing gum (sugarless, of course!) and to take the dog for a walk instead. Or, roleplay, in advance, what you'd feel comfortable saying to friends when they offer you a cigarette. (For example, "Thanks, but I'm not doing that any more. I'm saving for a new iPod instead. Once you've finished smoking, let metell you about the latest model"]
- A list of people (like doctors, health teachers, coaches, and counselors) you could talk to about different methods for quitting (medicines, classes, support groups, etc.). There are MANY ways to succeed!
- A doctor approved exercise plan to help relieve stress.

Tips for Preparing to Quit...

- Buy cigarettes by the pack, not by the carton.
- Start practicing how you will handle trigger situations.
- Call the New York State Smokers' Quitline toll-free at 1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487) for more information on planning to quit, what to expect when quitting, etc.

When You Stop...

- Quit "one day at a time."
 Make it your goal <u>each day</u> not to smoke.
- Take up new activities.
- Get help from other ex-smokers!
 They have a wealth of information and experience to share
- See the dentist and then show off your brighter teeth and cleaner breath.
 Now that's something to really smile about!
- Congratulate yourself on attempting one of the hardest things you'll probably ever have to do, and then plan something safe but FUN to celebrate!





\$UPINSMOKE\$

Smokers spend a LOT on cigarettes each year. Think of what you could do with all that money!	99
Start by checking out how much cigarettes actually cost.	
Price per pack =	
Times 7 (1 pack each day for 1 week) =	1 A
Times 52 (weeks per year) =	
Figure out	(60)

How much you would've saved after 5 years if every year you put that money into a savings account that earned 5% annual interest.

How much you would've saved after 25 years if every year you put that money into a savings account that earned 5% annual interest.

How much you would've saved after 50 years if every year you put that money into a savings account that earned 5% annual interest.

Now make a list of all the things you could do with the money saved by NOT smoking a pack a day:

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Thank You For Not Smoking!

WE thank you! Your BODY thanks you!

The WORLD thanks you!



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