

Smoking Tobacco

Facts and Statistics:

- Tobacco is the 2nd major cause of preventable death in the world.
- Half (650 million) of all smokers today will be killed by tobacco.
- 15 billion cigarettes are smoked worldwide everyday.
- 8.8% of all deaths are caused by tobacco. That is the equivalent to 5 million deaths per year or 13,500 deaths per day.
- Smoking will harm almost every organ in your body.
- On average, regular smokers die 14 years earlier than nonsmokers.
- Tobacco kills more than HIV/AIDS, legal drugs, illegal drugs, car crashes, murder, and suicide combined.
- Smoking can lead to cataracts, the leading cause of blindness.
- There are 10 million cigarettes smoked every minute, every day around the world.
- Smoking during pregnancy results in the death of about 900 infants every year.
- Nicotine has been found in the breast milk of nursing mothers who smoke.

