

Fact Sheet - Benefits of Quitting Smoking

Within 20 minutes of your last cigarette:

- Blood pressure drops to normal
- Pulse rate drops to normal
- Body temperature of extremities increases to normal

After 8 hours:

- Carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal
- Oxygen level in blood increases to normal

After 24 hours:

Chances of heart attack decrease

After 48 hours:

- Nerve endings in nose and mouth start to re-grow
- Ability to taste and smell improves

After 72 hours:

- Bronchial tubes relax, making breathing easier
- Lung capacity increases

2 weeks to 3 months:

- Circulation improves
- Walking becomes easier
- Lung function increases up to 30%

1 to 9 months:

- Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath decrease
- Cilia re-grow in lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean lungs, and reduce infection

5 years:

• Lung cancer death rate for average smoker decreases from 137 per 100,000 people to 72 per 100,000 people

10 years:

 Pre-cancerous cells are replaced with normal cells; risk of other cancers such as mouth, voice box, esophagus, bladder, kidney and pancreas decreases

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Reducing Tobacco Use: A Report of the Surgeon General.* Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2000



Activity Sheet – Smoking Triggers and Cues

A. Physical settings or events in which I am likely to smoke:
1.
2.
3.
Alternatives to a cigarette:
1.
2.
3.
B. Emotional events in which I am likely to smoke:
1.
2.
3.

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Fact Sheet - Your Plan for Success

Step One: Prepare for Quit Day

- Restrict smoking access or locations
- Practice going without one cigarette
- Set a specific quit day and time
- Start buying cigarettes by the pack, rather than by the carton
- Identify and practice coping skills
- Enlist support
- Build and maintain your motivation
- Remove all cigarettes, lighters, matches and ashtrays the night before Quit Day
- Put together a "survival kit" of gum, hard candies, rubber bands, bottled water, carrot sticks, etc. for Quit Day

Step Two: Quit Day Arrives

- Plan out the entire day
- Practice coping skills
- Identify and maintain your reward system
- Use your survival kit supplies
- Have your teeth cleaned
- Air out your home, car, office
- Utilize your support network
- Go to bed early, if necessary!

Step Three: Maintaining Your Motivation

- Keep track of your nonsmoking days on a calendar
- Start a walking program
- Purchase a reward with your newfound savings
- Refer to the Fact Sheet Benefits of Quitting Smoking handout
- Never allow smoking to be an option



Activity Sheet – People and Places Support

A. People who will support my decision to quit smoking:	
1	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
B. Places where I will be comfortable as a nonsmoker:	
1	
2	
3	
4.	
5.	
6	



Activity Sheet – Financial Impact of Smoking

Calculate my weekly cost of smoking:
Multiply packs per week by cost per pack \$
MY TOTAL SMOKING COST PER WEEK = \$
Calculate my annual cost of smoking:
Multiply my weekly cost (above) by 52 weeks per year
MY TOTAL SMOKING COST PER YEAR = \$
Alternative ways I could use this money: •
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