

Tobacco

TOBACCO - THE FACTS

- Nicotine is a highly addictive nerve stimulant.
- There are 4,000 chemicals and nearly 50 cancer-causing substances in cigarette smoke.
- 85% - 90% of those who smoke as adults begin by age 19.
- Smoking is responsible for one out of three deaths in the United States.
- A teen who smokes cigarettes daily is 20 times more likely to be a marijuana user and 13 times more likely to be a daily user of other drugs than a teen who does not smoke.
- 80% of adolescent cigarette smokers are also users of marijuana.
- Nonsmokers exposed to environmental tobacco smoke are at an increased risk for the same problems as smokers.
- Teenagers are prime targets of tobacco advertisers, and each year, one million teenagers will start smoking.