

Know the facts







Start living. Stop smoking.

The healing process

When you stop smoking, your body will be free from 4,000 poisonous chemicals and start to heal itself. You will be amazed at how quickly your health will improve.

More benefits

- Save money
- Get rid of the stale tobacco smell from your hair and clothes
- Enjoy the taste of your food more.
- · No tobacco stains on your teeth and fingers

- **20 minutes** after your last cigarette blood pressure and pulse return to normal.
- **8 hours** after your last cigarette nicotine and carbon monoxide levels in your blood have reduced by half and your oxygen levels have returned to normal.
- **24 hours** after your last cigarette carbon monoxide has been eliminated from the body. Lungs start to clear out mucus and other debris.
- **48 hours** after your last cigarette there is no nicotine in the body. Your ability to taste and smell is greatly improved.
- **72 hours** after your last cigarette your breathing becomes easier. Bronchial tubes begin to relax and your energy levels increase.
- **2-3 months** after your last cigarette your blood circulation and breathing has improved and so walking will become easier.
- **After 1-9 months** after your last cigarette coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and sinus congestion will improve and so you will have more energy. Lung capacity has improved by 10%.
- **After 5 years** of having your last cigarette the chances of having a heart attack is less than half than that of a person who smokes a pack per day.
- **After 10 years** of having your last cigarette the risk of from lung cancer falls to half of that of a smoker. Risk of a heart attack is now the same for someone who has never smoked.
- **After 15 years** your risk of developing heart disease is the same as if you had never smoked.

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