



Prescription for Change

TOBACCO FACTS

- ◆ Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in the U.S.
- ◆ The number of people that will die each day in the U.S. as a result of smoking is equal to 3 fully loaded jumbo jets crashing with no survivors.
- ◆ According to the U.S. Surgeon General's 1990 report, 3,000 teenagers become regular smokers each day in our country.
- ◆ Smoking among young girls has increased dramatically; from 27 percent in 1991 to 34.7 percent in 1997.
- ◆ One out of four people who die this year will die because they used tobacco.
- ◆ 25% of pregnant women in the U.S smoke throughout their pregnancy. 5% of deaths among newborn infants could be prevented if all women quit smoking during pregnancy.
- ◆ 90% of adults smoking today started before the age of 19.
- ◆ 60% of adults smoking today started before the age of 13.
- ◆ In 1986 lung cancer surpassed breast cancer as the #1 cancer killer of women.
- ◆ One injection of pure nicotine (70 mg.) will kill an average man within a few minutes.
- ◆ The U.S. government considers nicotine so poisonous that farmers cannot use it on their crops as an insecticide.

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