# Smoking Prevention And Cessation: A Comprehensive Guide

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Smoking is a leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Each year, smoking kills more than 480,000 people in the United States, including more than 16 million people worldwide. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, and other serious health problems.

The good news is that smoking is preventable and treatable. There are many things that you can do to prevent smoking or to quit smoking if you are already a smoker.

#### **Smoking Prevention**

The best way to prevent smoking is to never start. Children who start smoking are more likely to become addicted to nicotine and to continue smoking for many years. There are many things that parents can do to help their children avoid smoking, including:

- Talking to their children about the dangers of smoking
- Setting a good example by not smoking
- Limiting their children's exposure to secondhand smoke
- Encouraging their children to participate in activities that are incompatible with smoking, such as sports or music

Schools can also play a role in preventing smoking by:

- Teaching students about the dangers of smoking
- Creating smoke-free school environments
- Offering smoking cessation programs for students who are already smoking

#### **Smoking Cessation**

If you are a smoker, there are many things that you can do to quit. There are many different smoking cessation methods available, including:

- Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)
- Varenicline (Chantix)
- Bupropion (Wellbutrin)
- Counseling
- Behavioral therapy

The best smoking cessation method for you will depend on your individual needs and preferences. It is important to find a method that you are

comfortable with and that you are able to stick with.

Quitting smoking can be difficult, but it is possible. With the right help and support, you can quit smoking and improve your health for the rest of your life.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- SmokefreeTXT
- American Lung Association



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