

My Reasons to Quit Smoking



What would motivate you to quit smoking? Take a moment to fill out the smoker's self-test. Be honest when you answer the questions. You may discover that you have more good reasons to quit than to continue using tobacco.

Check the box next to the statements that you agree with.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>It makes me uncomfortable to know that I am hooked on nicotine.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I dislike the way my hair, hands, teeth, clothes, and home look and smell. I probably spend more time and money cleaning them than a nonsmoker does.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I am concerned about how my smoking habit affects the health of my family and friends.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I am concerned about the negative effects smoking may have on my sex life.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>My opportunities for employment may be limited because I smoke.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I worry that smoking may shorten my life.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I am embarrassed by the way other people look at me when I light a cigarette in a public place.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I could afford to buy more of the things I want if I didn't spend so much money on cigarettes.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I am (or would like to become) pregnant, but I'm worried about how my smoking habit might affect my baby.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I think others have a lower opinion of me because I smoke.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I wish I had more control over my smoking habit.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I worry about becoming a burden to my family if I get sick due to smoking.</i>

Add any other concerns you have about smoking here:

Congratulations! If you checked any of the above statements, you've just created a list of reasons to quit smoking! Take a closer look at some of the issues that you indicated are of concern to you. Are any of them stronger or more meaningful to you than the reasons why you like to smoke?

Making a list of reasons to quit smoking is a good first step toward getting yourself motivated to quit smoking. Keep your list with you before you quit and for several weeks or months after you quit. Review it whenever you are struggling with the quitting process. Add to your list whenever another reason to quit occurs to you.



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