

Diabetes, Smoking, and Your Health

Smoking has severe effects on your diabetes and your health. When you quit smoking, you can have more energy, a longer life, better control of your diabetes, and less chance of a heart attack or stroke.

Call Kentucky's Tobacco Quit Line – it's Fast, it's Free, and it's Easy:
1-800-Quit Now or 1-800-784-8669

Eyes

Smoking can make vision problems worse which can lead to blindness.

Teeth

Smoking raises your risk of getting gum disease and losing your teeth.

Nerves

Smoking raises your risk of nerve damage. This can cause numbness, pain and problems with digestion.

Heart

Smokers with diabetes are 11 times more likely to have a heart attack or stroke than people who don't have diabetes and don't smoke.

Blood Sugar

Smoking raises your blood glucose (sugar) and reduces your body's ability to use insulin, making it more difficult to control your diabetes.

Feet & Legs

Smoking can lead to serious foot and leg problems like infections, ulcers, and poor blood flow. Smoking raises your risk of amputation.

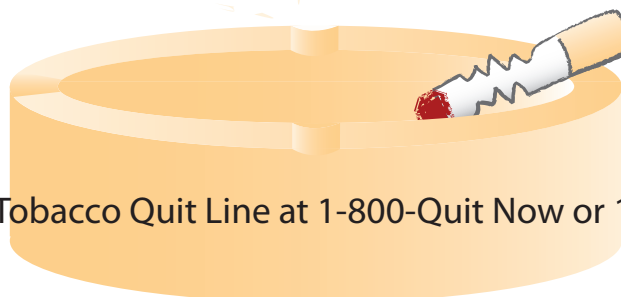
Cholesterol

Many people with diabetes have high levels of cholesterol. Smoking makes this worse by increasing build up on artery walls, putting you at more risk for heart attack or stroke.

Kidneys

Smoking triples your risk of getting kidney disease. Drugs that help prevent kidney failure don't work as well for smokers.

Quit Smoking Today!



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For more information about diabetes or quitting tobacco:

Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program at 502-564-7996 or <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/cd/diabetes.htm>

Kentucky Diabetes Network at www.kentuckydiabetes.net

Kentucky Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program at (502) 564-9358 or chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/hp/tobacco.htm