

# Fact Cards

**NEARLY 1 IN EVERY 5 DEATHS IN THE  
U.S. IS CAUSED BY A SMOKING  
RELATED DISEASE.**

**CIGARETTE SMOKING AND EXPOSURE  
TO SECONDHAND SMOKE CAUSES  
480,000 DEATHS IN THE U.S. PER  
YEAR.**

**ON AVERAGE, SMOKERS DIE AT LEAST  
10 YEARS YOUNGER THAN NON-  
SMOKERS.**

**AMONG YOUTH WHO PERSIST IN  
SMOKING, A THIRD WILL DIE FROM  
TOBACCO-RELATED CAUSES.**

**EACH DAY IN THE U.S., MORE THAN  
700 YOUTH UNDER 18 BECOME  
DAILY CIGARETTE SMOKERS.**

**IN THE U.S. MORE THAN 1,300  
PEOPLE DIE EACH DAY DUE TO  
SMOKING AND EXPOSURE TO  
SECONDHAND SMOKE.**

**EACH DAY IN THE U.S., MORE THAN  
3,200 YOUTH UNDER 18 SMOKE  
THEIR FIRST CIGARETTE.**



**NEARLY 9 OUT OF 10 ADULT  
SMOKERS STARTED EXPERIMENTING  
BEFORE THEY WERE 18**