

THE HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES RELATING TO TOBACCO USE

PRESENTATION TO MEDIA SYMPOSIUM AT IMPERIAL ROYALE
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Why is tobacco dangerous?



What's Your Poison?

When you smoke you inhale up to 4000 chemicals including these poisons:

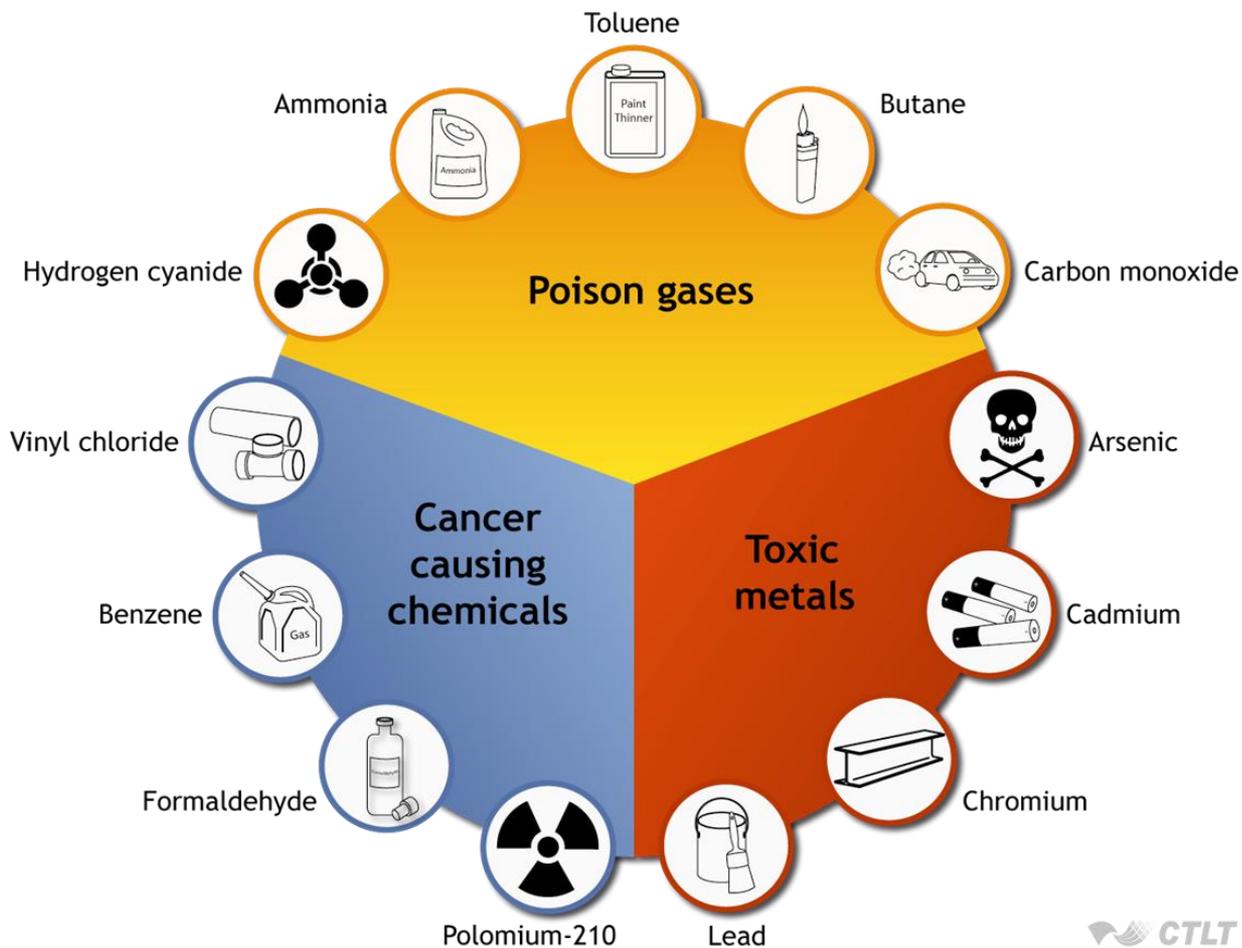


It's enough to make you sick. Very sick.



*Known cancer-causing substances

Constituents of tobacco smoke



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Link between smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke

DISEASES CAUSED BY SMOKING

CANCERS

Larynx

Oropharynx

Oesophagus

Trachea, bronchus or lung

Acute myeloid leukemia

Stomach

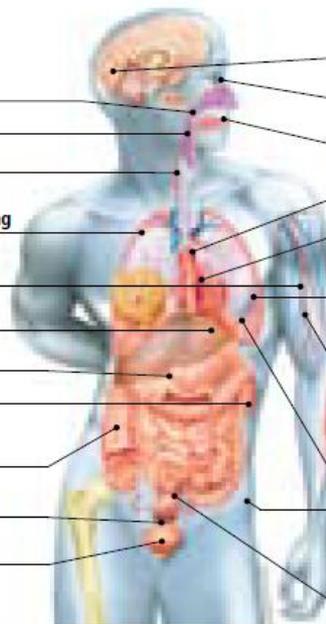
Pancreas

Kidney and Ureter

Colon

Cervix

Bladder



CHRONIC DISEASES

Stroke

Blindness, Cataracts

Periodontitis

Aortic aneurysm

Coronary heart disease

Pneumonia

Atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, and other respiratory effects

Hip fractures

Reproductive effects in women (including reduced fertility)

DISEASES CAUSED BY SECOND-HAND SMOKE

CHILDREN

Brain tumours*

Middle ear disease

Lymphoma*

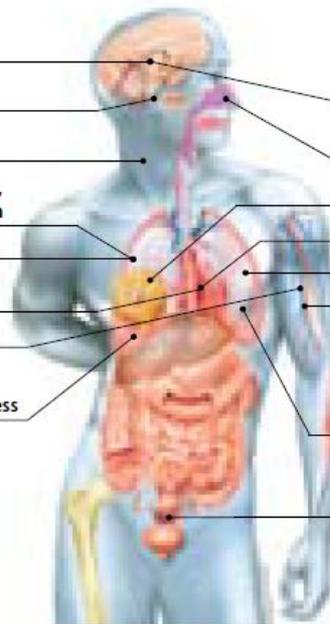
Respiratory symptoms, Impaired lung function

Asthma*

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

Leukemia*

Lower respiratory illness



ADULTS

Stroke*

Nasal irritation, Nasal sinus cancer*

Breast cancer*

Coronary heart disease

Lung cancer

Atherosclerosis*

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*, Chronic respiratory symptoms*, Asthma*, Impaired lung function*

Reproductive effects in women: Low birth weight; Pre-term delivery*

* Evidence of causation: suggestive
Evidence of causation: sufficient

Link between Tobacco & Disease

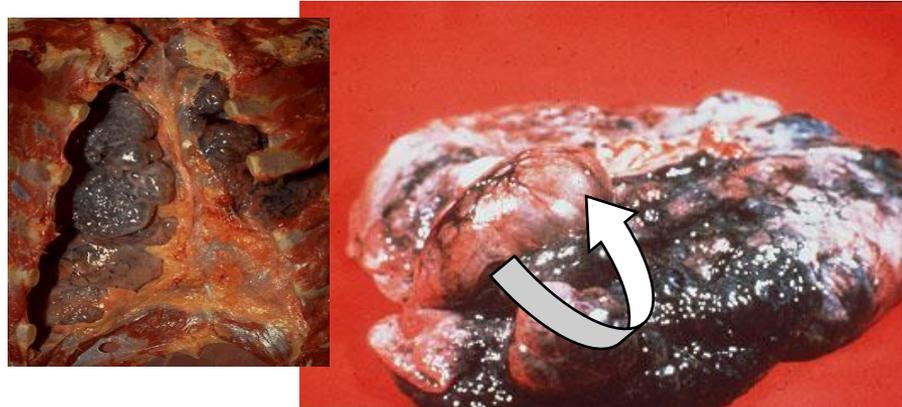
- Tobacco kills half of all its users
- 71% of lung cancer is attributable to smoking
- 42% of chronic respiratory disease
- 20% of global tuberculosis incidence
- 10% of cardiovascular diseases

Diseases of the airway & cancers

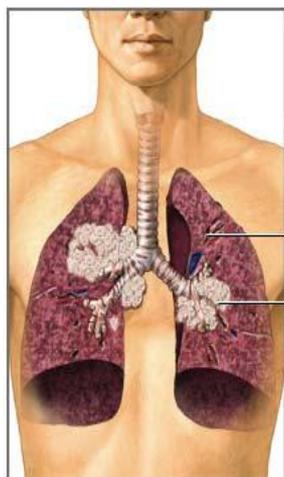
Emphysema and lung carcinoma



Tobacco smoke in lung



Emphysema



Cancerous lung

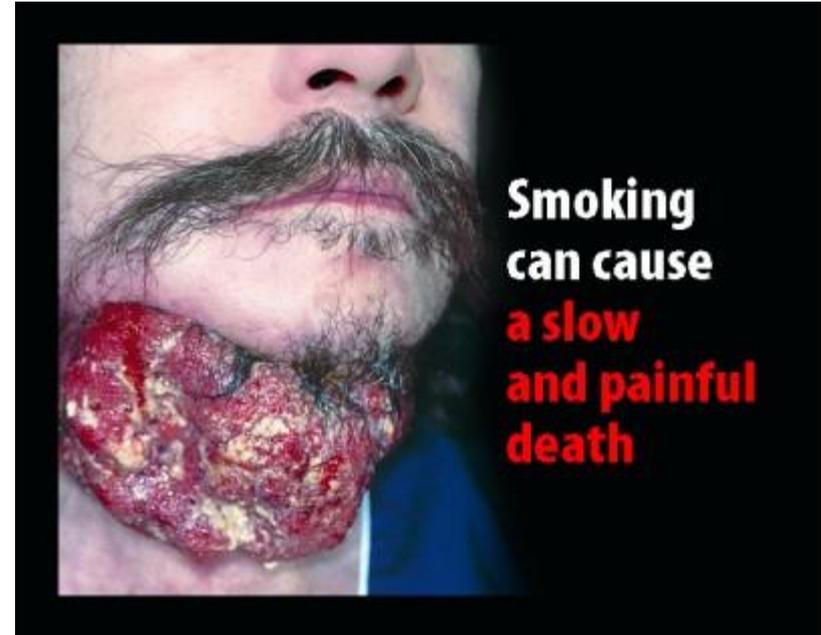
ADAM.



Alveoli filled with tobacco smoke tar

Carcinoma

Cancers of the airway



Cancer of the Wind pipe- Slow & painful death

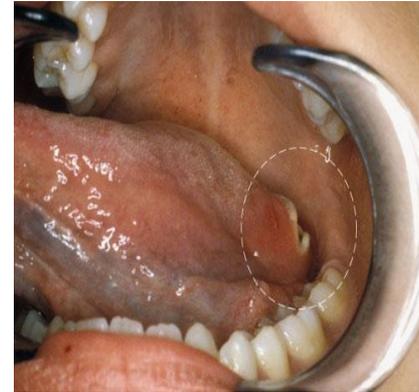
Diseases & cancers of food canal



periodontal (gum)



Lip cancer



tongue



jaw



Lip cancer of a chewer of tobacco

Ulcers and Cancer of the stomach



Ulcer of stomach



Ulcer/cancer of small intestine



Duodenal

Eye and teeth/gum disease



**Clouding of the eye and
loss of sight**



Tertiary effects

Affect the reproductive system and include: impotence, foetal injury, low birth weight and poor peripheral blood circulation



Retarded development of unborn

Passive smoking

WARNING: A non smoker, who share the same environment with a smoker suffers from the effects of the smoke exhaled by the smoker



Exposure to tobacco smoke

Smoking is very harmful to children-Their bodies are fragile

Need to protect children from tobacco effects



Human Rights-based approach to Tobacco Control

- **The right to life** as enshrined in Chapter 4 of the Uganda Constitution of 1995
- **The right to a clean & healthy environment** (Uganda Control of Public smoking Regulations of 2004)
- **The right to Health** (UDHR, 1948 & ICESCR of 1966)
- **The right to food** (Food insecurity and household expenditure)

• **CHILD RIGHTS** (Convention on the Rights of the Child & Children's act)

- Right to education
- Child labor
- Exposure to second-hand smoke

• **TOBACCO -FARMING COMMUNITIES**

- Right to self-determination
- Slavery and servitude
- Voluntary association

• **WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

- Right to health
- Reproductive rights
- Economic rights (Fair wages)