

Smoking kills 400 Britons a day

Tobacco smoking will kill one fifth of all the people now living in developed countries according to a report published in the British medical journal *Lancet*. Cancer, heart disease and other tobacco-related deaths will kill an estimated 21 million people during the 1990s

Every 6 seconds tobacco-related diseases kill one person in the European Community

Every 3.6 minutes tobacco-related diseases kill one person in the UK

In comparison, road accidents in the UK claim one life every 105 minutes

The hidden effects of smoking

Children – (whose mothers' smoke) are more susceptible to cot death, middle ear infection, adolescent meningitis, respiratory problems and blood defects

Men – are five times more likely to die of smoking-related cancer than women

Women – are more susceptible to infections of the reproductive tract and fertility problems.

Smoking during pregnancy increases risk of premature births, spontaneous abortions and infant deaths.

Nicotine reduces blood circulation, the uptake of oxygen, causes gum and dental diseases and premature wrinkles

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