

QUIT SMOKING



Heart & Vascular
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WHY QUIT SMOKING?

It harms nearly **EVERY ORGAN** in your body, including your **HEART**

Smokers are **UP TO 6X MORE LIKELY** to have a heart attack than non-smokers



Quitting isn't **EASY**, but it will give back years of **YOUR LIFE**

HARM TO YOUR HEART

- IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT
- THICKENED AND NARROWED BLOOD VESSELS
- PLAQUE BUILDUP IN THE ARTERIES



TIPS TO QUIT

- ✓ Find a plan that best fits you
- ✓ Set a date 
- ✓ Remind yourself why you're quitting 
- ✓ Avoid activities or places that make you want to smoke 
- ✓ Make it public 
- ✓ Ask about programs to help you quit 
- ✓ Take advantage of the tools and resources available at [CardioSmart.org](https://www.heart.org/healthycardio) and get help at 1-800-QUITNOW
- ✓ Don't give up: Slips are often part of the process
- ✓ Celebrate small successes 

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For more information, visit [WMCHealthAPS.com/Heart](https://www.WMCHealthAPS.com/Heart)