

# WHAT DOES SMOKING COST THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY?

The cost of tobacco to smokers is \$5.5 billion

In Australia, around 12% of people smoke every day  
 THAT'S 2.4 MILLION PEOPLE  
 Most of whom wish they'd never started...



90% of people who start smoking regret it or want to quit

The cost of healthcare due to smoking is \$6.8 billion

Smoking leads to at least 46 MEDICAL CONDITIONS requiring treatment and care

Primary healthcare treatment  
\$1.5 billion



Inpatient hospital treatment  
\$1.5 billion



Ambulance and ED treatment  
\$453 million



Outpatient treatment  
\$289 million



Family care  
\$2.0 billion



Residential care  
\$420 million



Pharmacy medications  
\$451 million



Smoking cessation medications  
\$153 million



Smoking KILLS around 20,000 PEOPLE each year in Australia  
 That's equivalent to 54 preventable deaths every day



Other tangible costs of smoking amount to \$7.0 billion

Premature death  
\$1.8 billion



Workplace costs  
\$5.0 billion



Smoking fire damage  
\$81 million



Smoking litter removal  
\$73 million



The intangible costs of smoking amount to \$117.7 billion

Intangible cost of smoking attributable ill-health  
\$25.6 billion



Intangible cost of premature death  
\$92.1 billion



THE TOTAL COST OF SMOKING IN AUSTRALIA IS \$136.9 BILLION

Data from 12-month period July 2015 to June 2016

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