



WHAT DOES SMOKING COST THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY?



In Australia, around **12%** of people smoke every day

THAT'S 2.4 MILLION PEOPLE

Most of whom wish that they'd never started...



of people who start smoking regret it or want to quit

The cost of tobacco to smokers is **\$5.5 billion**



SMOKING KILLS around

20,000 PEOPLE

each year in Australia

That's equivalent to **54** preventable deaths every day



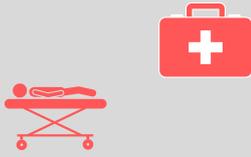
Smoking leads to at least **46 MEDICAL CONDITIONS** requiring treatment and care

Primary healthcare treatment \$1.5 billion

Pharmacy medications \$451 million

Outpatient treatment \$289 million

Family care \$2.0 billion



Inpatient hospital treatment \$1.5 billion

Ambulance and ED treatment \$453 million

Smoking cessation medications \$153 million

Residential care \$420 million

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

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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