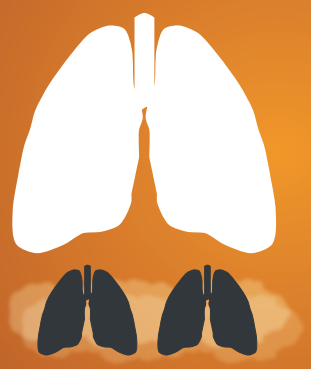
Highlights from the 2012 Surgeon General's Report

Preventing tobacco use among youth & young adults

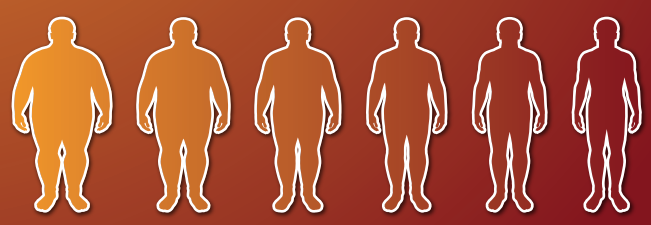
1 OUT OF 4 high school seniors are smokers.

The younger kids are when they try tobacco, the more likely they are **TO GET ADDICTED.**

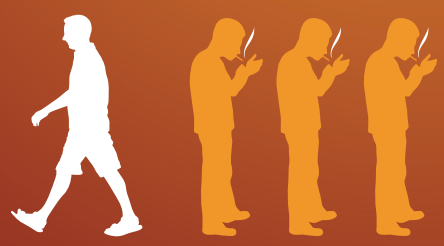
SMOKING WHEN YOU'RE A TEEN CAN STUNT THE GROWTH OF YOUR LUNGS, and they may never grow to their full capacity. Teens who smoke have smaller, weaker lungs than teens who don't smoke.



Many young people believe that smoking can help them lose weight. However, studies show that's not true – young people who smoke are not thinner than those who don't.



Most teens think they'll quit. **3 OUT OF 4** teens won't quit, and will continue smoking into adulthood



Cigarette companies look to young people as replacement smokers. More than **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** an hour is spent to market tobacco products in this country.