

Smoking Effects on Your Vision

Know the Facts:

- Blood vessels in the eyes are sensitive and easily damaged by smoke.
- Smokers are twice as likely to develop macular degeneration, which is a major cause of blindness and visual impairment in older adults.
- Smokers are twice as likely to develop cataracts, which is the clouding of the lens inside the eye, and can lead to difficulty appreciating colors and changes in contrast, driving, reading, and recognizing faces.
- The eyes benefit enormously from quitting smoking, even in those who are elders or have smoked for many years.



***"Fight it, don't light it!" Tyler Cobb,
medical student at FSU College of
Medicine***

Source: Zhang, Xinzhi, and Et Al. "Smoking and Visual Impairment." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4 July 2011. Web. 14 Aug. 2013.

Why Join a *Quit Smoking Now* class?

- You double your chance of success with quitting
- No cost for classes
- 4 weeks of NRT provided free of charge

When you are ready to quit, we are ready to help!

Need More Information?

- Contact your local Center for Independent Living. (Contact information on reverse side.)
- Visit www.alectobacco.com to find classes



Center	County	Address/Phone
Ability 1 st	Leon	1823 Buford Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308
Center for Independent Living of Broward	Broward	4800 N State Road 7 Bldg F suite 102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319
Center for Independent Living of Central Florida	Orange	720 North Denning, Dr. Winter Park, FL
Disability Achievement Center	Pinellas, Pasco	12552 Belcher Rd.S, Largo, FL 33773
Disability Resource Center	Bay	300 W. 5th Street Panama City, FL 32401
Independent Resource Center of Jacksonville	Duval	2709 Art Museum Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207
Self Reliance Inc.	Hillsborough	8901 N. Armenia Ave, Tampa, FL 33604
Space Coast Center for Independent Living	Brevard	571 Haverty Suite W, Rockledge, FL 32955
Suncoast Center for Independent Living	Manatee, Sarasota	3281 17th Street Sarasota, FL 34235

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www.AHECtobacco.com

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