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PARTNERSHIP TO ASSIST WITH CESSATION OF TOBACCO

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Smoking Reduction Tips

- Keep a smoking record of when and why you smoke. Then, gradually cut out the cigarettes you smoke, from least to most important.
- Set a daily quota of cigarettes. Put only this number in your pack in the morning.
- Delay your first cigarette of the day.
- Delay smoking for 15 minutes whenever you have a craving. Take deep breaths or chewing gum also helps.
- Keep your pack in an inconvenient place, like the cupboard above the fridge or in the closet.
- Stop whatever you're doing – even driving – when you have a cigarette, and think only about your smoking.
- Have a practice quit day. Stop smoking for 24 hours.
- Avoid situations in which you usually smoke and plan activities that don't involve smoking. For example, spend time with your kids without a cigarette.
- Brush your teeth often, especially during a craving.
- Keep on hand celery or carrot sticks, sugarless gum or candy-flavoured tooth-picks.
- Drink lots of water (6-8 glasses per day).
- If you roll your own cigarettes, roll only a few at a time.
- Change the brand you smoke each time you buy a pack.
- Smoke with the opposite hand.
- Wrap your cigarette pack with a rubber band or string. Unwrapping it every time you smoke will remind you that you're trying to quit.
- Smoke only 1/3 or ½ of each cigarette.

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