

THE CIGARETTE CRISIS



How Commercial Tobacco is Harming Horry County

- Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart attack by 25%-35%
- From 2017-2021: Lung & Bronchus Cancer ranked as the 2nd most common cancer diagnosed in South Carolina
- Tobacco users miss more days of work per year due to sickness compared to non tobacco users

OUR OCEANS ARE SUFFERING

3,010 cigarette butts

were collected on the shores of Myrtle Beach in just 8 months

1 IN 5 TEENAGERS in South Carolina VAPE

- Studies show vaping nicotine
- · increases anxiety
- intensifies mood swings
- · interferes with concentration

ONLY **5mg** of nicotine is needed to establish a dependency

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Participate in local beach cleanups
- Utilize TerraCycling programs to recycle cigarette butts
- Post on social media to spread awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco
- To find lung cancer screenings visit The American College of Radiology website ACR.org
- Ready to quit smoking? Text 'READY' to 34191



Tobacco Causes:

Type 2 Diabetes
Heart Disease
High Blood Pressure
COPD
Rheumatoid Arthritis
Alzheimer's
Dementia
Weakened Immune
System...



