

Tobacco use in Texas:

- In Texas, tobacco use is the single greatest preventable cause of premature death and disease, killing approximately 24,000 adults. More people die from tobacco related illness than from AIDS, heroin, cocaine, alcohol, car accidents, fire and murder combined.
- Tobacco use is a major risk factor for multiple cancers, heart disease, stroke and lung disease.
- For every one person who dies from tobacco-related causes, there are 20 more people who are suffering with at least one serious illness from smoking.
- Texas spends \$5.8 billion each year in health expenses directly related to tobacco, and \$349 million in health expenses related to secondhand smoke.
- Tobacco is the No. 1 cause of premature death in Texas, and for every eight people who die of tobacco in Texas, one is a non-smoker.



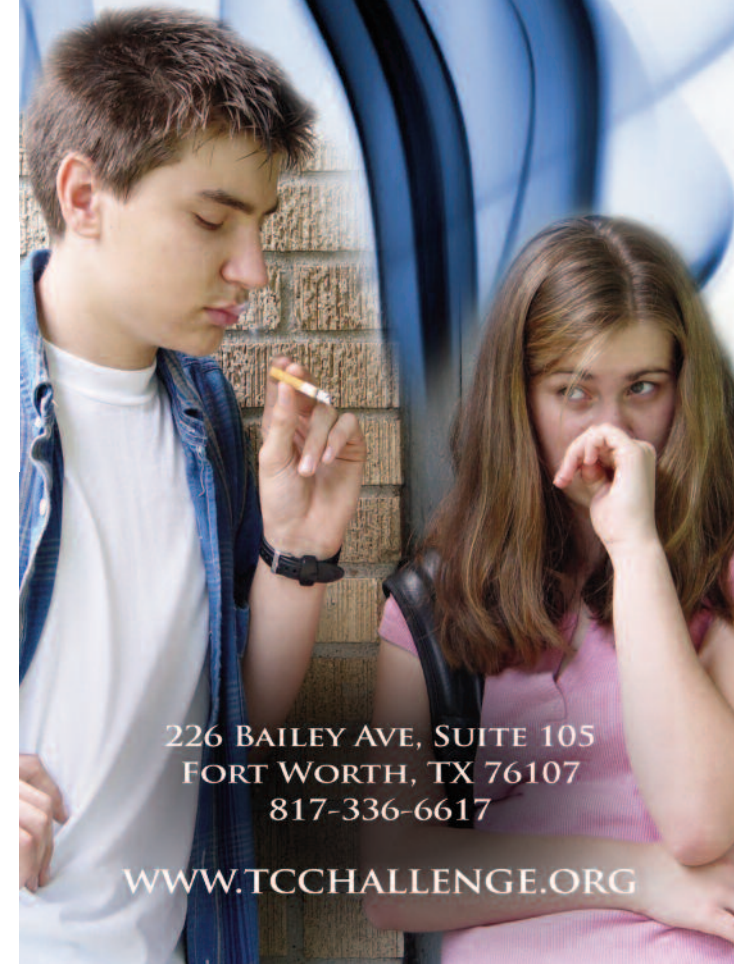
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THE SOLUTION STARTS HERE...

Texas Youth Tobacco
Awareness
Program
(TYTAP)



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provides state approved TYTAP classes certified by Texas Department of State Health Services. This class is for persons who have received citations for possession of tobacco while under the age of 18. Upon completion of the course, the participant is presented with a Texas State issued numbered certificate.



Examples of violations by minors of the Texas Tobacco Law include:

- Purchase of tobacco products
- Attempt to purchase tobacco products
- Possession of tobacco products
- Failure to attend the tobacco awareness program
- Failure to complete assigned community service

The Texas Tobacco Law prohibits minors from buying, using, or possessing tobacco products except in the presence of the minor's parent, guardian, or adult spouse, and holds minors accountable for violating the law by requiring them to attend an eight-hour tobacco awareness program, perform tobacco-related public service, and/or pay a fine of up to \$250.

The law also allows a judge to suspend or delay the issuance of a minor's driver's license for up to six months and/or require the parent/guardian of a minor to attend tobacco awareness class along with the minor.

The Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness Program helps teens better understand the behavioral and social influences that lead them to use tobacco. They discuss friends and family use of nicotine, how the tobacco industry manipulates a targeted youth market through advertising.

TYTAP Class Policies:

- Following state guidelines, the course is separated into four sessions, each two hours in length, for a total of eight hours.
- Students must register prior to class in order to attend.
- All assigned worksheets and papers must be turned into the instructor in order to obtain the certificate of completion.
- Tobacco products are not allowed on premises.
- Cell phones and all electronic devices must be turned off during class.

The fee for this course is **\$75.00** payable at registration or on the first day of class. This fee must be paid prior to admission to the class and is not refundable.

To register for a class, call **817-336-6617** or e-mail contact information to: **tytap@tcchallenge.org**

