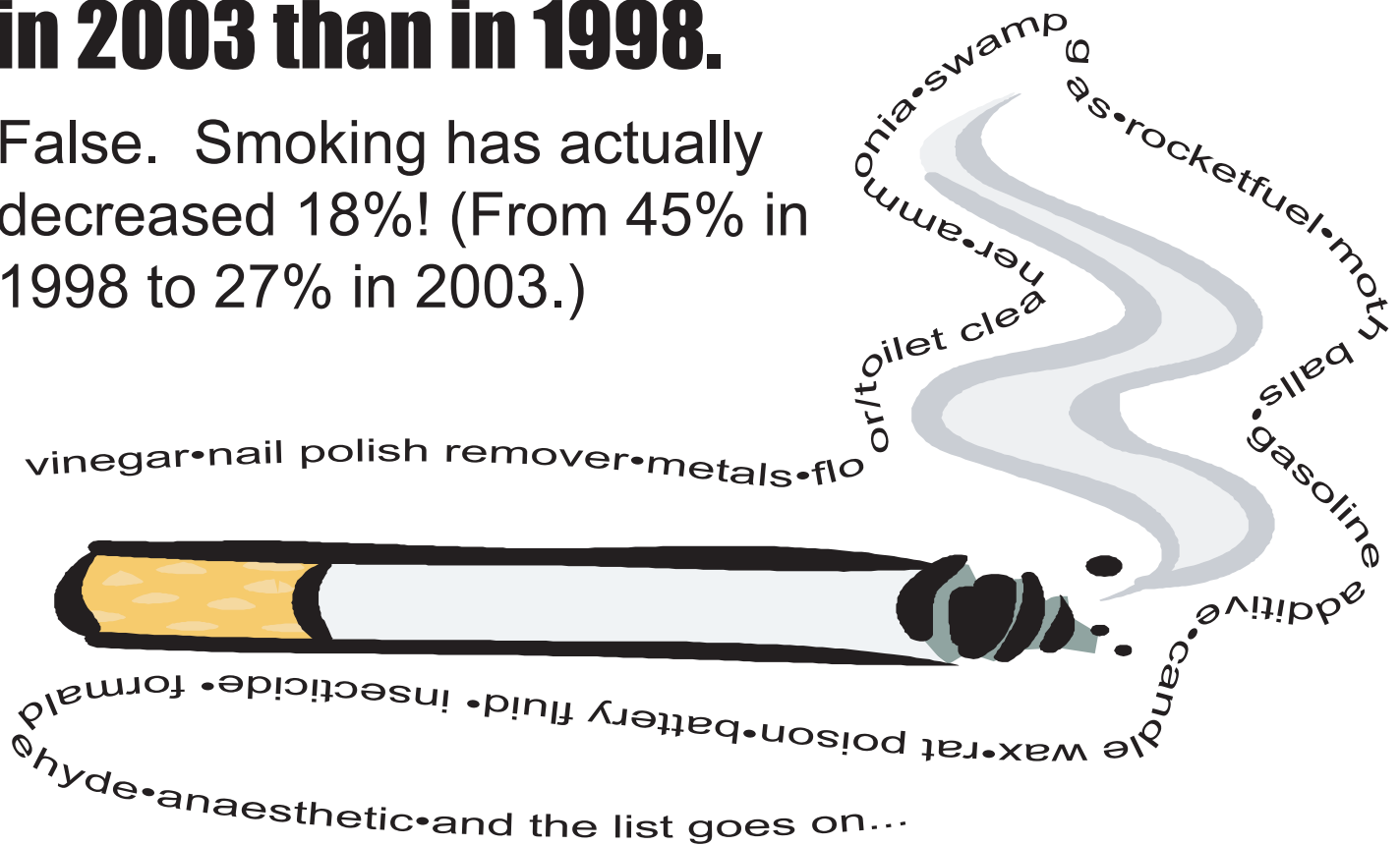


Smoking

Facts about Smoking

True or false? More students said they had tried smoking in 2003 than in 1998.

False. Smoking has actually decreased 18%! (From 45% in 1998 to 27% in 2003.)



About the Adolescent Health Survey

These statistics are based on the results of the Adolescent Health Survey, a survey that was administered by the McCreary Centre Society in 1992, 1998, and 2003. It asked over 70,000 BC youth questions about their health.

The McCreary Centre Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of BC youth through research, information sharing, and community-based projects that address the unmet health needs of young people.

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Girls are more likely to smoke than boys... Why is that?



It's the law:

It is illegal in British Columbia for minors to buy cigarettes. If someone sells anyone under 19 years of age a cigarette, they are **BREAKING THE LAW!**

They go together...

If you smoke cigarettes, you are also more likely to participate in other unhealthy activities. Along with smoking:

- 72% of current smokers use both alcohol and marijuana.
- 18% use just alcohol.
- 4% just use marijuana.

Where are students getting their cigarettes?

58% of youth smokers buy cigarettes from convenience stores, 23% from supermarkets, and 43% from gas stations.

17% get cigarettes from their parents.
16% steal cigarettes from their parents.

59% of smokers have friends who will give them cigarettes and 46% buy them from their friends.

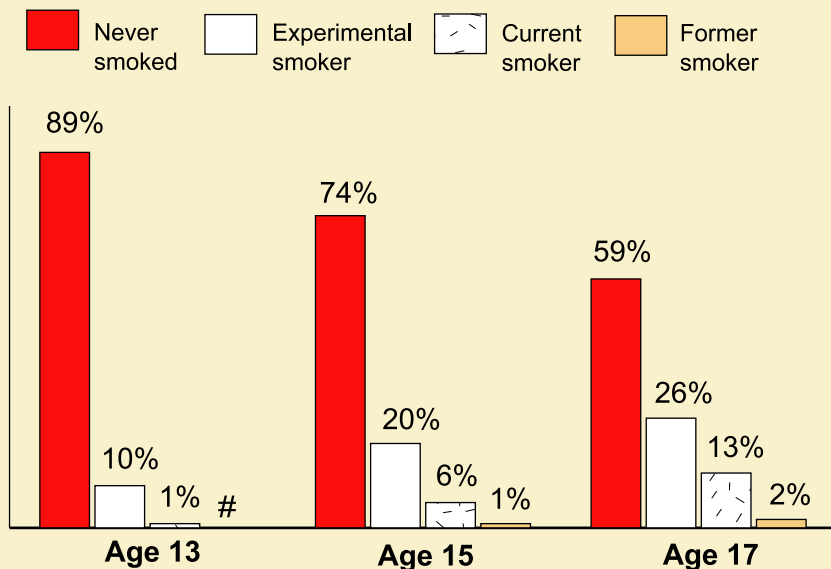


Fast Facts

- 70% of smokers try to quit every year: 5% succeed.
- 1 out of 3 smokers will die directly from smoking.
- Tobacco is more addictive than heroin or cocaine.
- Every 8 seconds someone in the world dies due to tobacco.

taken from thetruth.com

Smoking By Age



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