

# Deaths

Cigarettes kill half of all lifetime users. Half die in middle age – between 35 and 69 years old.

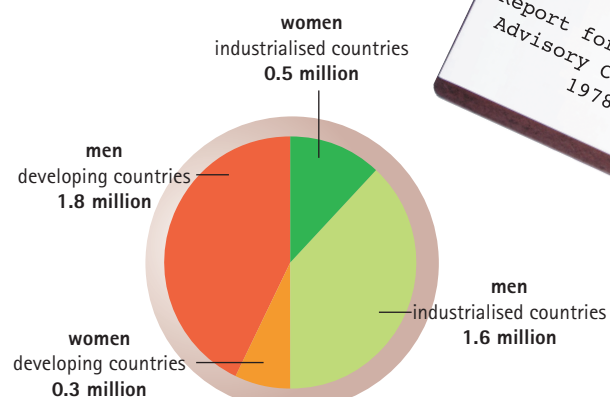
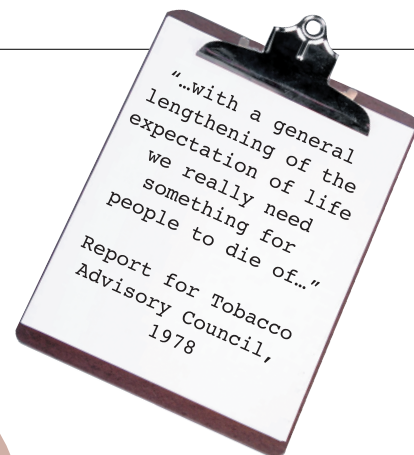
No other consumer product is as dangerous, or kills as many people. Tobacco kills more than AIDS, legal drugs, illegal drugs, road accidents, murder, and suicide combined.

Tobacco already kills more men in developing countries than in industrialised countries, and it is likely that deaths among women will soon be the same.

While 0.1 billion people died from tobacco use in the 20th century, ten times as many will die in the 21st century. Maternal smoking during pregnancy is responsible for many foetal deaths and is also a major cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Passive smoking in the home, workplace, or in public places also kills, although in lower numbers. However, those killed do not die from their own habit, but from someone else's.

Children are at particular risk from adults smoking, and even smoking by other adults around a pregnant woman has a harmful effect on a foetus.



## Total deaths

Premature deaths from tobacco worldwide 2000

total deaths 4.2 million

men 3.4 million

women 0.8 million

of everyone alive today

# 500,000,000

will eventually be killed by tobacco

## Past and future

Annual deaths due to tobacco estimated worldwide 1950–2030 projected

