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<http://www.ymn.org/tobacco/youth.rates.shtml>

Did you know that over 400,000 people die from smoking related diseases each year? I believe that most of this is caused because there are so many advertisements out there for tobacco! Right now, it is only illegal to promote tobacco on the television. They allow tobacco to be promoted anywhere else. There should be a law that states that tobacco ads are illegal, anywhere! There are just too many people dieing from a drug that has no positives to it. Among infants to 18 months of age, secondhand smoke is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia each year. Smoking is a problem in the World that needs to be stopped. I think that if all the advertisements with all the, "beautiful people" promoting tobacco would stop, then the percentage of smokers would go down significantly!

Smoking ads are just about everywhere! In each ad they only show pretty people. There is not one ad out there that shows what a person would really look like if they smoked. Smoking causes aging, yellow teeth, yellow fingers, perminate smoke stench, and many other negatve things. There should be alot more ads out there that show the harms tobacco can do. Smoking can do so much damage to the human body. You can get lung ,mouth, nose and throat,larynx , oesophagus,Pancreas,Bladder,Stomach,Myeloid leukaemia, and Kidney cancer from smoking. There are many, many more diseases you can get from smoking. More than 50% of adolescents age 12-13 think there are benefits to smoking. There are so many people out there that don't know the real risk of smoking! The smoking ads need to stop and more ads need to be presented on the harms of smoking.

Students who owned cigarette promotional items are more than 4 times more likely to be smokers compared with those who did not own cigarette promotional items. Students in grades 6-9 who own cigarette promotional items are, on average, further along the smoking uptake process compared with those who do not own such items. Students wearing and using cigarette promotional items in schools heightens the perception of approval of tobacco use by peers and promotes smoking as normative behavior. According to estimates, the tobacco industry spends \$14 million per day on advertising and promotion. Among children aged 10 and 11 years over 80% of them believe that cigarette advertising probably encourages children to start smoking.

