

EFFECTS OF TOBACCO

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING LABELS

For Cigarettes:

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, and May Complicate Pregnancy.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking by Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, and Low Birth Weight.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is in the process of selecting 9 new warning labels which are larger sized and more graphic in content. New packaging and advertisements are scheduled to be included on all cigarette products by October of 2012.

For Smokeless Tobacco Products:

WARNING: This product can cause mouth cancer.

WARNING: This product can cause gum disease and tooth loss.

WARNING: This product is not a safe alternative to cigarettes.

WARNING: Smokeless tobacco is addictive.



The new warning labels went into effect in June of 2010 and required the warning to compromise 30% of two principal display panels on the packaging; the warnings must also cover 20% of the total area.

For Cigars:



SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigar Smoking Can Cause Cancers of The Mouth and Throat, Even If You Do Not Inhale.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigar Smoking Can Cause Lung Cancer And Heart Disease.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Tobacco Use Increases The Risk of Infertility, Stillbirth And Low Birth Weight.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigars Are Not A Safe Alternative To Cigarettes.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Tobacco Smoke Increases the Risk of Lung Cancer and Heart Disease, Even in Nonsmokers.

Stronger warning labels started to appear in May 2010.

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