### Stop Smoking: Why, How, and Right Now!

#### Why Do People Smoke?

There are many reasons why people smoke, including:



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- Addiction: Nicotine is a highly addictive substance that can make it difficult to quit smoking.
- Stress: Many people smoke to relieve stress.
- Social reasons: Smoking is often a social activity, and people may smoke to fit in with friends or colleagues.
- Weight control: Some people believe that smoking can help them control their weight.

#### The Health Risks of Smoking

Smoking is a major risk factor for many health problems, including:

- Cancer: Smoking is the leading cause of preventable cancer deaths in the United States.
- Heart disease: Smoking increases the risk of heart attack and stroke.
- Stroke: Smoking increases the risk of stroke.
- COPD: Smoking is the leading cause of COPD, a serious lung disease that can lead to disability and death.
- Other health problems: Smoking can also increase the risk of other health problems, such as diabetes, gum disease, and erectile dysfunction.

#### **How to Quit Smoking**

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to quitting smoking, but there are a number of strategies that can help you succeed.

Some of the most effective strategies for quitting smoking include:

- Set a quit date: Choose a day to quit smoking and stick to it.
- Tell your friends and family: Let your friends and family know that you are quitting smoking and ask for their support.
- Get rid of all tobacco products: This includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and chewing tobacco.
- Avoid triggers: Identify the situations or activities that make you want to smoke and avoid them.
- Use nicotine replacement therapy: Nicotine replacement therapy can help reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms.

Get counseling: A counselor can help you develop a quitting plan and provide support.

#### **Right Now!**

If you are ready to quit smoking, there is no better time than right now.

Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health, and it is never too late to quit.

If you need help quitting smoking, there are many resources available to you. You can talk to your doctor, call the National Cancer Institute's toll-free quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669),or visit SmokefreeTXT.org.

Quitting smoking is not easy, but it is possible. With the right support and strategies, you can quit smoking for good and enjoy a healthier life.

#### Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Quit Smoking

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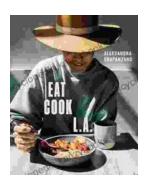
- American Cancer Society: Quitting Smoking
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