Session Plan



Aim:

Support tobacco users commitment to stopping smoking

Smoking Cessation Specialist Role:

- > Invite feedback on planned quit attempt
- > Acknowledge clients' achievement in quitting or attempting to quit
- > Monitor and record CO level
- > Identify additional supports required, if necessary
- > Look at common withdrawal symptoms and how to cope with them
- > Discuss the link between nicotine depletion and stress
- > Assist client in identifying strategies for managing stress

By the end of this session clients will:

- > Review personal quit plan
- > Feel motivated to sustain quit attempt
- > Be aware of withdrawal symptoms and how to cope with them
- > Understand the link between smoking and stress and identify strategies for managing stress

Client Handouts:

- > Withdrawal symptoms
- Smoking and Stress
- > Coping with Stress
- > Session Feedback

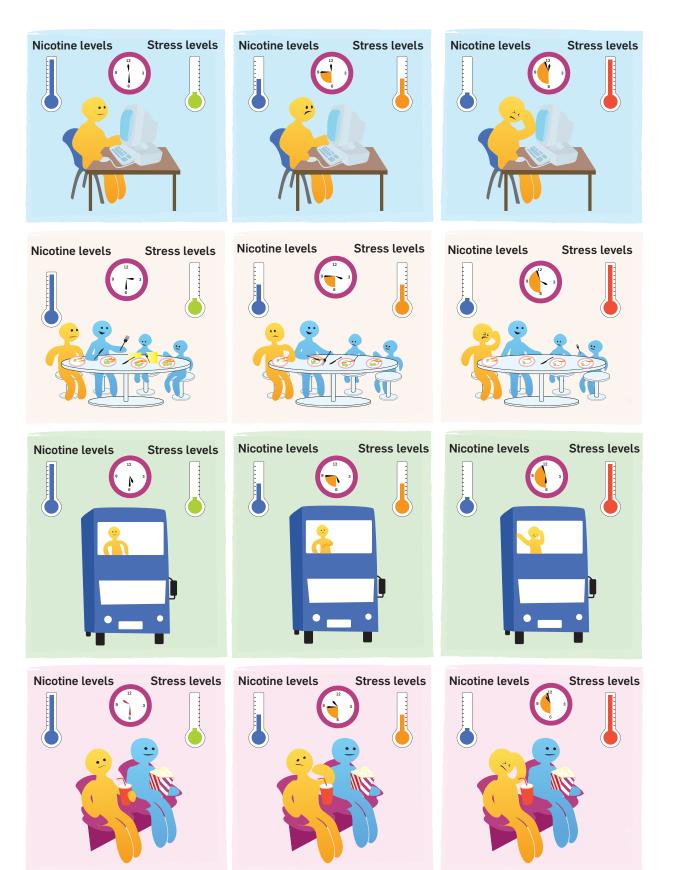


Withdrawal symptoms - how to cope

Symptom	When it will pass	What to do
Urges to smoke.	Week 2 2 weeks	The urge will pass in a few minutes. Remember your quitting plan.
Hard to sleep.	Week 1 1 week	Avoid tea and coffee late in day.
Hard to concentrate.	Week 1 1 week	Plan work carefully. 1. Start with 2. Then do 3. Finish off 4. If time
Anxiety and restlessness	Week 2 2 weeks	Deep breathe or use a relaxation method.
Irritable	Week 4 4 weeks	Exercise.
Increased appetite	Week 11 11 weeks	Have a healthy diet. Drink water.

Smoking and Stress





Coping with Stress



> Know yourself

You have many roles and challenges every day.



> Know your warning signs

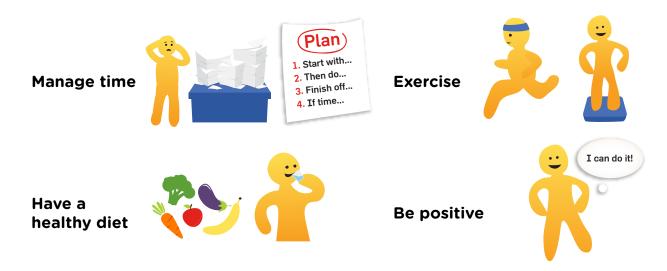
Stress is different for each of us.

Knowing what makes you stressed is the first step to coping.



> Know how to cope

Pick a few ways that work for you. Remember to...



Session Feedback



Mark where you are on the sheet.

