

What's in Cigarette Smoke?



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You may already know that nicotine is the drug in tobacco that smokers become addicted to. But did you also know that it is a colorless, poisonous chemical that farmers use as an insecticide?

Cigarette smoke has 4,000 chemicals, including:

ACETONE *Nail Polish Remover*

NAPHTHALENE *Mothballs*

INSECTICIDES *Insect Poison*

HYDROGEN CYANIDE *Gas Chamber Poison*

FORMALDEHYDE *Embalming Fluid*

BUTANE *Cigarette Lighter Fluid*

NITRO-BENZENE *Gasoline Additive*

NITROUS OXIDE PHENOLS *Disinfectant*

VINYL CHLORIDE *Makes PVC (in tennis shoes and pipes)*

CARBON MONOXIDE *Car Exhaust Fumes*

METHANOL *Rocket Fuel*

METALS *Aluminum, Lead*

AMMONIA *Floor Cleaner*

ETHANOL *Alcohol*

ARSENIC *Poison*

TOLUENE *Industrial Solvent*

