# **Cigars**

## What are Cigars?1

Cigars are rolled bundles of dried tobacco. They are wrapped in a tobacco leaf or paper that has tobacco. There are three types of cigars sold in the U.S.

## Types of Cigars<sup>1,2</sup>



## Little Cigar

- Same size and shape as cigarettes
- Wrapped in brown paper that has tobacco
- Often has a filter, like cigarettes
- · Comes in many flavors, like cherry and peach
- Mostly sold in packs of 20



#### Cigarillo

- Same shape as a large cigar, but smaller
- Wrapped in tobacco leaf
- May have a wood or plastic tip
- Does not have a filter
- Comes in many flavors, like apple and grape



#### Large Cigar

- · Bigger than a little cigar or cigarillo
- Wrapped in tobacco leaf
- Takes 1-2 hours to smoke

### Cigars and Nicotine<sup>2</sup>

- One cigar can have as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes.
- Even if user does not take deep drags, nicotine can get in the body through the mouth.
- Users can get hooked on cigars, just like cigarettes.

## Cigars and Health<sup>1,2</sup>

Smoking cigars has many risks:

- The smoke has higher levels of toxins than cigarette smoke. It can cause:
  - Cancers of the lip, tongue, mouth, throat, voice box, and lungs.
  - Lung diseases, like emphysema and bronchitis.
  - Gum disease and tooth loss.
- Even puffing cigar smoke can be harmful.

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- 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2018). Cigars.
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