

SCRIPT

PSA

Watch Your Life Go Up in Smoke

American Cancer Society – spec

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VIDEO	AUDIO
Open: FADE UP FROM BLACK	[CUE MUSIC]
Scene 1 EXT. Coffee Shop – Afternoon Visuals: WS, MS of a man and woman sitting at a table enjoying coffee together, smiling Visuals: afternoon sunlight streaming on the table and backlighting a lovely scene Visuals: CU on two cigarette in an ashtray Transition: ash tray and cigarette smoke	Voiceover: Cigarette smoking is the self-imposed disease. And 100% preventable. Quit and you could live, continue the habit, and watch your life go up in smoke. Sounds: ambient
Scene 2 EXT. Coffee Shop – Afternoon – Same Day Visuals: WS, MS of a man and woman sitting at a table enjoying coffee together, smiling Visuals: as the voiceover talent mentions: lung, mouth, throat, and esophagus, an animation of that part of the body is superimposed over the actors' bodies. Visuals: small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "lung cancer, cancer of the mouth, the nose, the throat, voice box"	Voiceover: Smokers risk developing lung cancer, cancer of the mouth, the nose, the throat and voice box. Sounds: ambient
Scene 3 EXT. Coffee Shop – Afternoon – Same Day Visuals: WS, MS of a man and woman standing by their table coffee shop as they pay the waitress and collect their belongings, smiling Visuals: as the voiceover talent mentions: bladder, kidney, pancreas, ovary, stomach and colon, an animation of that part of the body is superimposed over the actors' bodies.	Voiceover: Smokers risk developing fatal cancers of the bladder, the kidney, pancreas, ovary, stomach, colon and rectum. Sounds: ambient

Visuals: small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "cancer of the bladder, the kidney, pancreas, ovary, stomach, colon, rectum" Scene 4 EXT. Park - Afternoon **Voiceover:** Smokers are twice as likely to die from Visuals: WS, MS of a man and woman smile at a heart attack or blood clot. Smokers suffer from each other as they walk away hand in hand peripheral vascular disease, a narrowing of the blood vessels that carry blood to the arms and through a park, laughing Visuals: woman spinning with her arms out when legs. As well as constricted vessels to the brain script says "narrowing of the blood vessels" causing a stroke. Visuals: CU of woman emphasizes her head as she pushes her hair back off her face at "causing a Sounds: ambient stroke" Visuals: as the voiceover talent mentions: heart attack, peripheral vascular disease and stroke, an animation of that part of the body is superimposed over the actors' bodies. Visuals: small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "heart attack, blood clot, peripheral vascular disease, constricted blood vessels, stroke" Scene 5 **EXT. Tennis Court – Early Morning Voiceover:** Smokers experience debilitating lung Visuals: FISHEYE, WS, MS, CU of a man and woman diseases like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD, pneumonia, emphysema and playing tennis Visuals: WS, MS, CU of couple as they walk off the chronic bronchitis. court toward camera, a kiss, smiling Sounds: ambient **Visuals:** as the voiceover talent mentions: lung diseases, COPD, pneumonia, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, an animation of that part of the body is superimposed over the actors' bodies. Visuals: SLOW MOTION of couple walking Visuals: small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "COPD, pneumonia, emphysema, chronic bronchitis" **BLEACH TO WHITE FADE IN FROM WHITE** Scene 6 INT. Home Library - Afternoon **Voiceover:** Smokers suffer macular degeneration Visuals: PAN and TILT of couple reading books with and blindness and may never see their own

grandchildren.

Sounds: faint sounds of family talking

their children, smiling

Visuals: HIGH ANGLE, WS of couple and children **Visuals:** as the voiceover talent mentions: macular

degeneration and blindness, an animation of that part of the body is superimposed over the actors' bodies.

Visuals: footage of the children goes blurry **Visuals:** small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "macular degeneration, blindness"

Scene 7

INT. Gala – Evening – Dance

Visuals: CU of elegantly dressed couple dancing,

ECU on the faces

Visuals: couple swings around and man lays

women in a deep backbend

Visuals: CU, XCU on woman's face and mouth with

big smile

Visuals: as the voiceover talent mentions: facial wrinkling, bad breath, gum disease and tooth loss,

an animation of that part of the body is superimposed over the actors' bodies.

Visuals: small type, 30% opacity, "macular

degeneration, blindness"

Visuals: small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "wrinkling, bad breath, gum disease, tooth

loss"

Voiceover: And experience deep wrinkling, bad breath, gum disease and tooth loss.

Sounds: faint music

Scene 8

EXT. Gardening - House - Afternoon

Visuals: FISHEYE, MS, CU of a couple gardening Visuals: XCU of couples hands and plants Visuals: CU, XCU on woman's face and mouth Visuals: small point size TEXT ON SCREEN, 60% opacity, "men die 13 years early, women die 14

Voiceover: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates an adult male smoker can cut 13 years off his life and a female smoker 14.

Sounds: ambient

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years early"

Scene 9

EXT. Gardening – House – Afternoon

Visuals: MS, CU of a couple gardening **Visuals:** XCU of couples hands and plants

Visuals: MS of couple

Visuals: first the man disappears in smoke and the

woman looks around for him.

Visuals: then the woman disappears in smoke **Visuals:** pull back to show all that is left of the couple are the flowers, the woman's hat, the couples work gloves and gardening tools **Visuals:** MS, CU on smoke replaces the couple

Voiceover: Smoking is a killer. So, quit the habit now, or watch *your* life go up in smoke.

FADE TO BLACK	
Props: hat, work gloves, gardening tools	
where they were sitting	