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- Avoid nagging, threats and scare tactics. It usually makes the person who uses tobacco feel irritated or stressed and may increase their tobacco use
- Consider what it would be like to be a person who smokes or chews who is struggling to quit today. Many quitters don't have support from others who understand the challenge. A little empathy (and no nagging) can go a long way.
- When he/she is ready to quit, ask how you can help. Offer ideas like going on walks, helping clean the house or car before the quit date, checking in about how you're doing, etc.
- Be honest with him/her about how you feel and what you can do to help. Don't forget to do what you need to do for yourself.
- Help them avoid and/or plan for tempting times. If there's a party coming up where people will be smoking – ask: "Are there things to be done or planned that will help you stick to your commitment to remain smoke-free while at the party?"
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