

STOP USING AND START LIVING!



No matter what your addictive behavior, SMART Recovery can help. For over two decades we have been offering free support groups (face-to-face and online) helping people learn self-empowering tools and providing support for each other in recovery.

The goal of SMART Recovery is for you to achieve a healthy, positive and balanced lifestyle so you can conquer new challenges when you feel confident your addictive behavior is behind you.

Go to www.SmartRecovery.org to find the nearest meeting.

DISCOVER THE POWER OF CHOICE!

SMART Recovery®: Discover the power of choice

NO to:







Considering oneself powerless



Obligatory group attendance



Considering someone

SMART Recovery is an alternative to the Twelve Steps.

SMART Recovery can be used as stand-alone recovery or combined with any other recovery program.

"SMART eventually became the one real viable alternative path for me to choose."

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SMART purpose:

- To support individuals who have chosen to abstain from any type of addictive behaviors (substances or activities), by teaching how to change self-defeating thinking, and actions.
- · To work towards long-term satisfactions and quality of life.

SMART Recovery group protocols, tools and activities are primarily based on proven psychiatry and rigorous therapeutic studies.

SMART Recovery 4 Point Program®

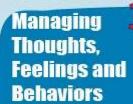


Having a proper motivation and willingness to maintain sobriety. First step is to plot the Decision Making Worksheet to dear your view on the problem.

Costs Benefits

Coping With Urges

Accepting urges as part of changes, rather than considering them a catastrophe and learning to change the way of thinking about urges will help cope with them.

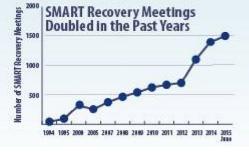


Changing your vocabulary, and using the self-talk "stop" method will help manage thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.
Thoughts are powerful enough to stimulate intense emotions.
People usually expect the worst, and can easily become anxious.

Living a Balanced Life
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and helping others
Self Direction: making your
own choices rather than relying
on others' support and nurturance
Tolerance: accepting that humans
can be both right and wrong
Accepting Uncertainty: being
aware that there is no perfect
certainty about anything
Flexibility: thinking flexibly
rather than following rigid rules
Commitment: having at least
one strong creative interest
and / or human involvement

Self Acceptance: accepting yourself unconditionally, not trying to prove yourself Risk Taking: trying adventures, taking risks, while staying rational Frustration tolerance: recognizing the difference between problems that can and cannot be solved Responsibility: recognizing your responsibility for your thoughts and actions Non-Utoplan: not striving for unrealistic perfection Self-interest: not sacrificing yourself or others, completely or overwhelmingly



"Perhaps, the one thing I learned from SMART Recovery was that I could make choices. And the choice I made was to I earn to be happy, and to continue striving towards that goal in my daily living."

Sober for 2 years, cured of anorexia and of self-mutilation

SMART is recognized by:

- + National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- US Department of Health and Human Services and SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information
- . Center for Health Care Evaluation
- . American Society of Addiction Medicine

Discover the Power of Choice!



Welcome to SMART Recovery*, a science-based addiction recovery support group—where participants learn selfempowering techniques to aid their recovery through mutual-help face-to-face and online meetings and services. No matter what your addiction, SMART Recovery tools and techniques can help you overcome the behavior.

How Does SMART Recovery Work?

SMART Recovery uses tools based on scientifically-proven methods for addiction recovery such as Cognitive Behavior Therapy and motivational interviewing.

The SMART Recovery 4-Point Program®

#1 ~ Building and Maintaining Motivation

#2 ~ Coping with Urges

#3 ~ Managing Thoughts, Feelings, and Behaviors

#4 ~ Living a Balanced Life

Some of the tools used in the program are outlined to the right in "Some Specifics."

What Makes SMART Recovery Different?

SMART Recovery advocates choice, so that those seeking recovery can choose what works best for them from a variety of options.

The SMART Recovery goal is for you to achieve a healthy, positive and balanced lifestyle and to "graduate" when you feel your addictive behavior is behind you, not to remain a permanent participant in the program. Upon graduation, many SMART participants volunteer as meeting facilitators or in another capacity to help "pay forward" the gains they achieved.

When Can I Start?

TODAY! Visit the SMART Recovery website for introductory information, slide shows and videos, articles, meeting locations, online meetings, chat sessions, discussion message boards and much more. All the tools are there for you to explore. And ... it's all FREE.

Some Specifics

Here are some of SMART Recovery tools that can help you in your recovery journey:

CHANGE PLAN WORKSHEET: This is a chart in which you list your goals, how you will attain them, the ways in which you will overcome obstacles and challenges, etc. The very process of completing a Change Plan Worksheet will clarify both your goals and the roadblocks to attaining them.

COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS: Often called "CBA," this tool is especially useful for increasing your motivation to abstain from your addictive behavior.

The ABC's of REBT: This tool from Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, founded by Dr. Albert Ellis, helps identify our irrational beliefs, which in turn lead to poor consequences.

DISARM (Destructive Imagery and Self-talk Awareness and Refusal Method): This tool exposes the thoughts and images which urge us to pursue our addiction as inaccuracies, excuses and rationalizations.

BRAINSTORMING: This technique is often used in face-to-face and online meetings. A participant introduces a question or problem. Other participants then offer ideas and/or suggestions without any judgment involved.

ROLE-PLAYING/REHEARSING: This tool is used mostly in groups. An example would be rehearsing how to avoid addictive behavior at a wedding or other high-risk upcoming event with group members playing various roles.

SMART Meetings

SMART Recovery conducts face-toface meetings in locations around the world, plus daily online meetings. Click the "Meetings" link on the SMART Recovery website for times and places most convenient for you.



Local Meeting: SMART@TheROC Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm

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