

Despite an extended knowledge of harmfulness of tobacco smoking a large share of the population still smokes. Most of the people begin to smoke during their adolescence and they become addicted to nicotine before reaching adulthood. This paper focuses on tobacco smoking among the teenagers. The main point is the social influence on teenage smoking behaviour. However, it is also important to understand the problem of smoking as a multidisciplinary issue. In the theoretical part the paper gives information on health consequences of smoking, it aims at the physical, psychical and social aspects of the addiction to tobacco smoking above all. The main sociological theories relevant to the topic of smoking among teenagers are the theory of socialization, reference groups and a wide group of social deviation theories.