



# Inuit Cancer Risk Factors and Screening



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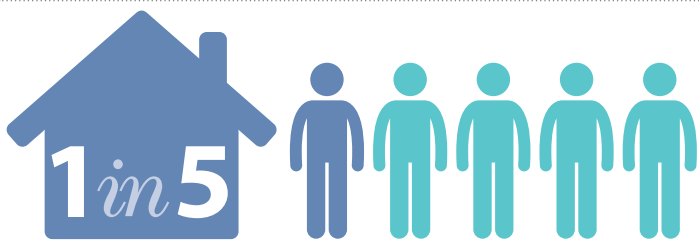
**Smoking tobacco** can increase the risk of lung cancer. Inuit are more likely to be diagnosed with **lung cancer** than the rest of Canada



**TODAY, INUIT HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF SMOKING IN CANADA**



Inuit adults living inside and outside of Nunangat **smoke daily or occasionally** more often than non-Aboriginal adults in Ontario



non-smoking Inuit are exposed to **second-hand smoke in the home**



## ALCOHOL



Many people do not know that **drinking alcohol can cause cancer**. Drinking **even small amounts** of alcohol increases the risk of many cancers

# 1,000 to 3,000

**new cancer cases** per year in Ontario are from drinking alcohol



## CANCERS RELATED TO DRINKING ALCOHOL

- Breast
- Throat
- Liver
- Mouth
- Esophagus
- Colon

## BINGE DRINKING

**Inuit women** living inside and outside of Nunangat binge drink **more often** compared to non-Aboriginal women in Ontario



**Inuit men** living inside and outside of Nunangat have **similar** binge drinking behaviours compared to non-Aboriginal men in Ontario

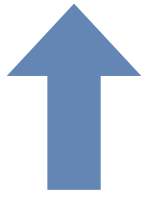


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For the full report, visit: [cancercareontario.ca/InuitRiskFactors](http://cancercareontario.ca/InuitRiskFactors)  
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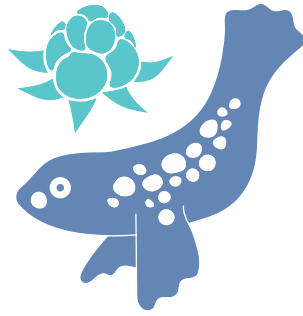


## NUTRITION



An **unhealthy diet** increases the risk of colorectal cancer

**Country food** is an important part of a **healthy diet**. It includes food from wild animals and plants such as fish, seal, caribou, musk ox, and berries



**1 in 3**

Inuit living inside and outside of Nunangat live in households that have **low access to healthy foods**



## WEIGHT

Being **overweight or obese** causes over

**2,500**

cancers diagnosed in Ontario every year

**Obesity is 2 times** more common in Inuit women living inside and outside of Nunangat compared to non-Aboriginal women in Ontario



The chances of getting cancer **go up** with higher body weight



## CANCER PREVENTION

Stop smoking



Limit alcohol use



Eat country food, fruit, vegetables & whole grains



Be physically active



## CANCER SCREENING

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING



BREAST CANCER SCREENING



CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING



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