Physical activity can make daily life better.

When you're active and strong, it's easier to:

- Do everyday tasks, like chores and shopping
- Keep up with the grandkids
- Stay independent as you get older

And it has big health benefits, too.

- Less pain
- Better mood
- Lower risk of many diseases

How much activity do I need?

**Moderate-intensity aerobic activity**
Anything that gets your heart beating faster counts.

- **at least 150 minutes a week**

**AND**

**Muscle-strengthening activity**
Do activities that make your muscles work harder than usual.

- **at least 2 days a week**

Break it up over the whole week however you want!
Physical activity can help manage many health problems.

- Reduce symptoms of arthritis, anxiety, and depression
- Help keep diabetes and high blood pressure under control

Just getting started?
No problem — start slow and do what you can. **Even a 5-minute walk has real health benefits.** Build up to more activity over time.

Mix in stretches and activities to improve your balance, too! Keep your body flexible and help lower your risk of falls.

And all sorts of activities count.

- Even things you have to do anyway
- Even things that don’t feel like exercise

You can get more active.
No matter your age, you can find a way that works for you.

So take the first step. Get a little more active each day. **Move your way.**

Find tips to get moving and build a weekly activity plan.
health.gov/MoveYourWay/Activity-Planner