

## 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

# What types of activity do I need?

#### **Moderate-intensity** aerobic activity

Anything that gets your heart beating faster counts.



#### **Muscle-strengthening** activity

Activities that make your muscles work harder than usual count.



#### And mix in activities to improve your balance!

Aim for a mix of aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and balance activities







Try activities that count as more than 1 activity type — like dancing, sports, or tai chi to help keep your body strong and lower your risk of falls.

### 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.

### 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

