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## TIPS

to help you stay  
**motivated**  
to **exercise**



Being physically active is one of the most important things you can do each day to maintain and improve your health and keep doing things you enjoy as you age. Make exercise a priority with the following tips:

1

**Find ways to fit exercise into your day.**

You are more likely to get moving if exercise is a convenient part of your day.



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**Do activities you enjoy to make it more fun.**

Be creative and try something new!



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**Make it social.**

Find a virtual “exercise buddy” to help keep you going and provide emotional support.



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**If there’s a break in your routine, get back on track.**

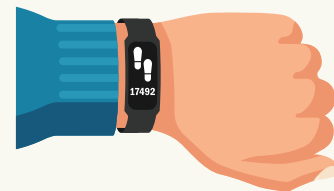
Start slowly and gradually build back up to your previous level of activity. Ask your family and friends for support.



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**Keep track of your progress.**

Make an exercise plan and don’t forget to reward yourself when you reach your goals.



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