# **HEALTH BENEFITS** OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



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#### **Reduced stress**

Physical activity stimulates brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier and more relaxed.



### More energy

Regular physical activity gives your entire cardiovascular system a boost, helping your heart and lungs work better. When your heart and lungs work better, you'll have more energy to do the things you enjoy.

## **Improved health**

Regular physical activity can help prevent or reduce your risk of coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis,

and colon cancer.

#### **Mental Health**

Regular physical activity is a great way to become healthier both physically and mentally. Exercise can contribute to feeling better, boosting confidence and self-esteem.

## **Better sleep**

Regular physical activity can not only help you fall asleep faster, it can also help you get deeper sleep. All key to helping boost your concentration, productivity, and mood.

### **Weight control**

When you're physically active, you burn calories. The more intense the activity, the more calories you burn and this will help you to control your weight.

#### **Stronger muscles** and bones

Having strong bones and muscles helps improve your balance, posture, and coordination. It can also reduce your risk of falls and other injuries.



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