

Healthy Messaging

Short Messages

These messages are appropriate for emails and bulletin boards.

- // Stair climbing and other small bursts of physical activity at work make a significant contribution to the recommended daily amount of 30 minutes (or more) of daily physical activity!
 - // Get more daily activity! If you have a choice, always take the stairs. If you have stairs, take as many trips up and down as possible.
 - // Get more daily activity! Walk around the office or building. There's no need to sit still while you talk on the phone or think. Pacing and fidgeting are physical activity.
 - // Wear a pedometer at work: Since every step counts, wearing a pedometer is a wonderful motivator to walk more during your workday.
 - // Take small steps to help make health a priority. Small changes make a big difference over time! Incorporate the walking into activities you would be doing anyway. If you need to go to a different floor, use the stairs. Take the long way to the restroom and take a flight each way. Studies have shown that people are most likely to stick to exercise when it is part of their daily routine. Get started today!
- // Along with its benefits to the heart, walking:
 - improves circulation
 - helps breathing
 - increases happiness
 - bolsters the immune system
 - helps prevent osteoporosis
 - helps prevent and control diabetes



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// Challenge yourself to take the stairs all day today. If it is not possible to use the stairs, challenge yourself to pick two new ways this week to increase your physical activity during the work day:

- Use the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Schedule a walking meeting with co-workers.
- Stand and/or stretch while talking on the telephone.
- Rather than using the telephone, walk down the hall to speak with someone.
- Walk around your building, stretch your muscles.
- Park in the farthest parking spot and walk the rest of the way.

// What is a serving?

- A whole fruit the size of a tennis ball.
- ½ cup of cut up fruit or veggies.
- 1 cup of raw leafy greens.
- ¼ cup of dried fruits.
- For kids, a serving is the size of the palm of their hand.

// Be a healthy family. Keep the TV out of bedrooms and turn off the TV during meals.

Kids and adults should be active for at least one hour every day. You are your family's number one role model, so start practicing healthy habits today!

- Make gradual changes to increase your level of physical activity.
- Incorporate physical activity into your daily routines.
- Try tracking the level of your physical activity using a pedometer.
- Role model an active lifestyle.
- Turn off the TV and computer and keep them out of the bedroom.
- Limit TV and recreational computer time.
- Encourage lifelong physical activity by incorporating physical activity into your routine.
- Keep physical activity fun!

