# Physical activity recommendations for all age groups

#### preschool age

at least 3 hours per day

Children learn skills by playing.

- Take care that your child's day includes at least 2 hours of moderate outdoor activities and light physical activity.
- Make sure that your child's day also includes 1 hour of vigorous physical activity.

#### **IN ADDITION**

- Give your child time for calming activities. Make sure to break sedentary periods lasting more than an hour.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep.



## 7-17 year old

at least 60 minutes a day



- Be physically active in a versatile, moderate and vigorous manner for at least 60 minutes a day.
- Increase your heart rate and frequency of breathing at least 3 days a week.
- Strengthen your muscles and bones at least 3 days a week.

#### IN ADDITION

- Move in everyday life whenever you can.
- Sit less and take breaks during prolonged sedentary periods.
- Get enough sleep



# adults aged 18-64 years

## At least 2½ hours per week



- Moderate physical activity at least 2 h 30 min per week **OR** vigorous physical activity at least 1h 15 min per week.
- Train your muscles, and challenge your balance and flexibility at least 2 times per week.

#### **IN ADDITION**

- Light physical activity as often as possible.
- Take breaks in sedentary behaviour.
- Sleep adequately.

# adults over 65 years

#### At least 21/2 hours per week

- Moderate physical activity at least 2 h 30 min per week **OR** vigorous physical activity at least 1h 15 min per week.
- Train your muscles, and challenge your balance and flexibility at least 2 times per week.

#### **IN ADDITION**

- Light physical activity as often as possible.
- Take breaks in sedentary behaviour.
- Sleep adequately.

Ensure vour ability to function.





# Move

#### • in versatile ways

- When your heart rate and frequency of breathing increase, you improve endurance.
- When you train your muscles, you maintain and improve musculoskeletal fitness.
- When you challenge flexibility, balance, and agility, your skills develop and your movement confidence improves.
- When movement causes high-impact loading, your bones get stronger.

#### at different intensities

- Move lightly as often as possible. During light physical activity, the frequency of breathing isn't increased.
- When moving at a moderate intensity, your frequency of breathing increases but you're still able to speak.
- When moving at a vigorous intensity, your frequency of breathing increases so that it's difficult for you to speak.
  Vigorous physical activity is suitable for a practised exerciser.

#### • in a preferable way

- Find your own ways to move in everyday life or as a hobby.
- Moving the way that suits for you bring good mood and regularity.
- · Playing gives joy and movement for a child.

#### according to your own resources

- · Sometimes you can do more, sometimes less.
- Even short bouts of physical activity count.
- It's never too late to start.

Read more about physical activity recommendations.



# Be physically active at any age



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