

A Teen's Guide to Being Healthy

All you need to know to be your healthiest self!

Eat Fruits or Vegetables at Every Meal



- Get to know your fruits & veggies, the more familiar they are, the more likely you are to eat them¹
- Fruits & veggies provide vitamins and minerals your body needs to feel full, and provide all day energy¹

Get Involved in the Kitchen



- Help your parents prepare meals by cutting veggies or creating new recipes
- Try not to get fast food or takeout too often. If you need to, try to pick a healthier option⁴

Get Outside



- Guidelines recommend 60 min./day for overall health benefits (decreases risk of obesity and disease)²
- Go for a walk, play tennis, head to the park... just make sure to be active each day!²

Do Not Skip Meals



- Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all important meals⁴
- Skipping meals can lead to overeating or poor food decision making at your next meal⁴

Drink Plenty of Water



- A teenager needs at least 10 cups of water throughout the day³
- Water helps the body function properly, prevents dehydration and can help prevent weight gain³
- Avoid sugary drinks like juices and sodas³

Additional Resources



Nutrition tips:

- <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/teens>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/bam/index.html>
- <https://www.girlshealth.gov/nutrition/index.html>

Physical Activity/Health tips:

- <https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/>
- <https://teenshealth.org/en/teens/food-fitness/>

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