## STRESS MANAGEMENT



# **Everyday ways to ease your worries**

Everyone gets overwhelmed sometimes. But too much stress can be hard on your health – so it's important to find ways to offset those negative effects. These healthy habits can help you stay cool under pressure, even when you're pressed for time.

### Sweat more, stress less

Symptoms of stress can create a vicious cycle between your mind and body. Exercise helps to break this cycle by relieving tension and releasing feel-good brain chemicals that fight the effects of stress.

### Take a break to breathe

When stress strikes, try a few minutes of deep breathing. Breathe in for a count of 5, hold for 5, and exhale for 5. Repeat 10 times or until you start feeling more calm, grounded, and focused.

### **Unplug to recharge**

Your phone needs time to recharge, and so does your brain. Disconnecting from digital noise for a little while each day can help you stress less, sleep better, and spend time doing more rewarding activities.

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