

PREVENT TYPE 2 DIABETES

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP! The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) is urging people who are at risk for type 2 diabetes, or have a condition called pre-diabetes, to increase their physical activity. Losing a small amount of weight, by getting 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week and eating healthy, will prevent or delay the onset of diabetes. For example, if you weigh 200 pounds, losing just 10 pounds will help lower your risk of developing diabetes. Check with your health care provider to learn if you are at risk and what steps you can take to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

TIPS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED:



WALKING is one of the best ways to increase your activity level. Start slowly by walking five minutes more each day. Build up to 30 minutes 5 days a week.



EAT MORE VEGETABLES, fruits, and whole grains. Buy at least one different fruit or vegetable every time you shop.



PICK AN ACTIVITY that you enjoy that will keep you moving. Dance to the beat of your favorite music or try playing soccer, bike riding, or swimming.

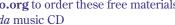


READ FOOD LABELS. Choose foods with less fat, calories, and salt. Cut down on fried foods.

FOR MORE INFORMATION call 1-888-693-NDEP or visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org to order these free materials:

- Movimiento por su vida music CD
- Recipe and Meal Planner Guide
- Your GAME PLAN to Prevent type 2 Diabetes

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GET MORE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. Get off the bus one stop early or park the car farther away from the entrance to stores, movie theaters, or your work place.



EAT SMALLER PORTIONS. Eat the foods you enjoy, but limit the servings sizes!



CHOOSE HEALTHY SNACKS. Eat fruits, veggies, or nuts instead of chips. Drink plenty of water.

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COOK AHEAD and freeze food portions. This will help you have healthy and easy meals ready on days when you are too busy to cook.





