

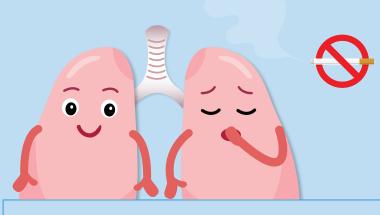
# 5 Steps to Keep Your Lungs Healthy



#### DON'T SMOKE

Quit smoking to reduce:

- The risk of COPD and other conditions
- Lung infections
- Asthma symptoms
- Breathing problems



Avoid secondhand smoke Steer clear of areas where smoking is allowed.

## AVOID AIR POLLUTION

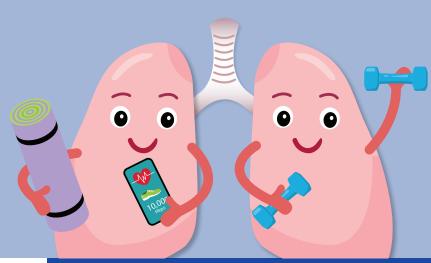
- Use protective gear if you're exposed to pollutants at work
- Ventilate indoor spaces and clean often
- Don't use products with strong odors
- Check outdoor air quality at airnow.gov

You may be exposed to more pollutants indoors than outdoors.

#### **BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE**

Exercise to help your lungs and heart work more efficiently:

- Aim for at least
  2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours each week
- Combine moderate and vigorous exercise



### AIM FOR A HEALTHY WEIGHT

Maintain a healthy weight and follow a healthy eating plan:

- Set specific, realistic goals
- Exercise with a friend
- Track your progress
- Celebrate when you meet your goals



## GET REGULAR CHECK-UPS & STAY UP TO DATE ON VACCINES

Talk to your healthcare provider about:

- Breathing problems
- Tips for quitting smoking
- Any symptoms you notice
- Vaccines for flu, pneumonia, and COVID-19









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