

## Try to STAMP at least one square a day...but no more than 6 in a week! Aim for a BLACK OUT for the month!

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## "Sneak it in" Challenge -

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Adopted from ParticipACTION's April "Sneak it In" Campaign

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Tips to "sneak it in"

## What do you do?

- It is recommended that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise each week. And as little as 10 minutes at a time can have benefits!
- Sneaking in a little physical activity into your workday isn't too difficult
- Have a look at some of the tips
- Record your 'sneak it in' minutes in the calendar attached
v Have fun and every bit of movement helps!


## Benefits of being "in motion":

Your are never too young or old to benefit from being physically active.

- One proven way to cope with stress is regular physical activity.
- Walking is the number one activity for people and is an effective and inexpensive way to maintain a healthy body weight.
- Physical activity need not be strenuous to be beneficial.
- Being physically activity can reduce your risk of developing many diseases such as type 2 diabetes cancer or heart disease.

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- Use your lunch break to get out and take a walk. Bring a colleague or two, or even start a lunch walking group
- Book a meeting room for a short yoga session or take advantage of the green space around your workplace
- Have a walking meeting
- Park 10 minutes away from the office
- Hop off public transit a few stops sooner
- Go "power shopping" and get active while running errands
- Build in a couple of 10 minute activity breaks for day-long meetings and conferences
- Plan off-site meetings at venues that offer access to fitness facilities, walking routes or trails
- Start a lunchtime stair-climbing club with friends at work
- Walk, cycle or wheel (such as in-line skating) to work
* Go for a 10 minute power walk instead of taking a coffee break
- Don't overbook yourself. Schedule exercise time on your business calendar and treat it as any other important appointment
- Keep inexpensive exercise equipment (small weights, resistance bands, a mat, etc) at work
- Go and talk with your colleague instead of calling or e-mailing
- Stand while talking on the phone

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## Physical Activity

Enjoy 30 minutes of physical activity at least five days each week. Each square represents 10 continuous minutes of physical activity. Check off one square each time you engage in 10 minutes of physical activity.

Physical Activity


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## Poker Fun Walk

## Overview

Based on the number of times, or the distance walked, participants receive at least 5 playing cards. The best hand(s) wins a prize. The following ideas have come from leaders across the province and I cannot take credit for any of them. Version \#1 is for a One time Event. Version \#2 spreads the activity over a week or two, reinforcing regular activity.

## VERSION \# 1: A One Time Event

- Select a route that would take about 30 minutes at a light to moderate pace to complete
- Select 5 stations along that route, each manned by a volunteer, and create a map for participants
- Everyone starts at a designated time
- Participants pick up a playing card at each station
- Best hand(s) win prizes
- Consider the following add-ons:
- Lead group through appropriate stretches before their walk
- Serve healthy snacks at end of walk
- Arrange for displays, entertainment at end of walk to entertain group while slower walkers finish
- Choose an accessible route to accommodate parents with strollers and people using wheelchairs
- Variations:
- A route of any length is OK- offer shorter routes for less active individuals or tight schedules-offer additional stations for the faster walkers
- Set up station (safety info); health unit (sun sense); rec centre (program info)


## VERSION \# 2: Walk on your Break Challenge

- Choose a designated week for the Challenge
- Every time a participant walks at lunch or on break, they receive a playing card from a designated person (receptionist, etc)
- Stipulate that the walk be at least 10 or 15 minutes
- Consider the following add-ons:
- Lead the group through appropriate stretches on the first day of the challenge
- Hold a lunch and learn on related topics (choosing shoes, setting goals, etc)
- If the lunch hour is 1 hour, and it is a realistic goal- request participants walk at least 30 minutes to qualify for the card
- Walk out various routes of different lengths ahead of time, and mark on a map so participants know where to go
- Extend the walking challenge all summer by asking people to add up kilometers or minutes walked then offer prizes or a celebration
- Variations:
- If it is not a realistic goal to ask participants to walk every day during your Challenge Week, then increase the time frame to 2 weeks- they must walk at least 5 times to get a poker hand, those who walk more often will get more cards and improve their chances
- If there is a chance to collect more than 5 cards- decide whether the participants keep all the cards right to the end, or whether they are to replace a card in their hand each time they collect a new card (similar to telling the dealer to "hit me")

Poker Hand Rankings (in order of highest ranking hand to lowest ranking hand)


Royal Flush: The five highest cards, the 10 through Ace, all five of the same suit. A royal flush is actually an ace-high straight flush. Which suit it is doesn't matter in poker. Two people with royal flushes should tie.


Straight Flush: Any five cars of the same suit in consecutive numerical order.


Four-of-a-Kind:
Four cars of the same denomination.


Straight: Any five consecutive cards of mixed suits. Ace can be high or low.

Two Pair: Any two cards of the same denomination, plus any other two cards of the same denomination. If both hands have the same high pair, the second pair wins. If both pairs tie, th high card wins.

Pair: Any two cards of the same denomination.

Flush: Any five nonconsecutive cards of the same suit


High Card: If no other hand is achieved, the highest card held wins.

Convert your workplace stairwell into Mt. Everest for this popular exercise journey! This is a great way to incorporate extra physical activity into the employee's day.


## Starting point!

- This challenge is based upon calculations from Mount Everest. Mount Everest is 29,030 feet, if you would like a shorter challenge, try climbing Mount Logan which is 19,850 feet. You can apply this challenge into any distance (walk across Saskatchewan or even Canada) all you have to do is figure out the calculations.
- To climb Mount Everest, we suggest that it would take approximately 11 weeks (it all depends on the amount of stairs you climb each week).
- This challenge is great, because it can be done at a slower pace, you could take the entire summer to complete it if you want.
- Have a department challenge for the trek up Mount Everest; combine everyone's scores to get there faster!
- Be creative; keep track of everyone's progress on a large chart depicting a mountain for all to see. As well, track individual progress on a computer spreadsheet, so that it is easy to calculate totals and track progress.
- Calculations for this challenge are as follows: Mount Everest is approximately 29,030 feet, what you need to determine is how many stairs make-up one floor at your workplace. Each stair/step represents one foot of the mountain. To make it easier, find out how many floors you have to climb instead of counting each stair every time. To do this, divide the height of the mountain by the number of stairs in between each floor.
For example, if you have 18 stairs between floors follow the calculation below:
- 29,030 divided by $18=1613$

Therefore the group would have to climb 1613 floors in order to say they have climbed Mount Everest!

Note: Walking from the $1^{\text {st }}$ floor to the $3^{\text {rd }}$ floor is two floors not three.
When you have reached the "summit" make or draw a flag to display your accomplishments!

## Collect your in motion 'Active Bucks' Today!

Be sure you do something today such as:

- Taking the stairs
- Park your car far away and walk to work
- Ride your bike
- Take an aerobics class
- Take a walk break instead of a smoke break

Remember you don't have to do 30 minutes of activity all at one time. You can break them down to 5-10 minute bouts through out the day and add them up. If you do 30 minutes of activity 3 times a week, you will receive an "Active Buck" from your in motion Leader or Champion. If you do 30 minutes of activity 6 times a week and you can receive 2 "Active Bucks". Collect these active bucks and you may receive a small reward a week or collect many to receive one big reward every month or two.

Reward Ideas May Be:

- Free Coffee (1 "Active Buck")
- Go out for lunch (2 "Active Bucks")
- Free Movie or Play Tickets (3 "Active Bucks")
- Free Round of Golf with your Boss (4 "Active Bucks")
- Your own Ideas


Signature:

# In motion <br> Motivational Stairway Signs 



## From GROUND level, it's all up from here.



## The only way to get to the top is ONE step at a time.



## TWO be fit or not TWO be fit? That is the question?



## THREE is not a crowd when

 you are getting fit!

800 in motion

## FOUR ever FOUR

 my heart

## 1,2,3,4, FIVE, Everybody climbing here is glad to be alive!



## SIX, SIX, Strengthen you Sticks!


robin motion

## And she's/he's climbing the stairway to SEVEN.


rob in motion

# Hurray! Hurray! <br> You made it to EIGHT, keep <br> it up for a Healthy Weight. 


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