## Health and Wellness Tip of the Week - Week 36

## **Monthly Topic**

August is Stress Management Month. It's the perfect time to remind employees about the importance of coping with stress.

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## **Stress Relief**

Stress is a normal response to life's situations; even good events can cause stress. And stress isn't always a bad thing. It's what helps you react quickly when you have to stop all of a sudden in traffic or wake up quickly when you smell smoke. But great stress – or even low-level stress over an extended time – can cause problems ranging from fatigue to heart disease and obesity. The way you handle stress determines how it impacts you.

Try these healthy ways to take charge of stress:

- Take care of yourself: Eat right, get plenty of sleep, drink lots of water and stay active.
- Make time for yourself: Relax with a good book or listen to music.
- Reach out for support: Talk to your friends and family.

If you still feel overwhelmed by stress, talk to your doctor or a behavioral health professional.

Sources: American Psychological Association; Mayo Clinic





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