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Healthy Ways to Cope with Stress

- Keep a positive attitude.
- Try relaxation exercises such as deep breathing or meditation.
- Exercise regularly and eat healthy, well-balanced meals.
- Reduce alcohol consumption.
- Don't rely on alcohol, drugs, or compulsive behaviors to reduce stress.
- Learn to manage your time effectively.
- Make time for hobbies and interests.
- Seek social support.
- Connect with your community and faith-based organizations.
- Take a break from watching, listening to, or reading the news.
- Seek treatment with a psychologist or other mental health professional to learn more healthy ways of coping with the stress in your life.

Looking for support to cope with stress? WebMD Health Coaching connects you with a real person who cares about your well-being. Three coaching sessions fulfill your well-being activity toward earning your \$150* Well Wisconsin incentive. Get started by calling 800-821-6591 or sending a confidential message via Coach Connect on webmdhealth.com/wellwisconsin.

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