

WALK MORE. STRESS LESS.

A walk is not just good for your body, it's good for your soul. Recent reports show that walking rates are declining steadily in the US. A trend that can negatively impact mental and physical health.

Since our beginnings, the American Heart Association has been a champion for physical activity in communities across the country. That's why we created National Walking Day more than a decade ago. Today, we know that a simple walk is one of the best ways to manage stress and improve heart health.



Take a walk with us on April 2. Let's move together to reduce our stress and renew our hearts.

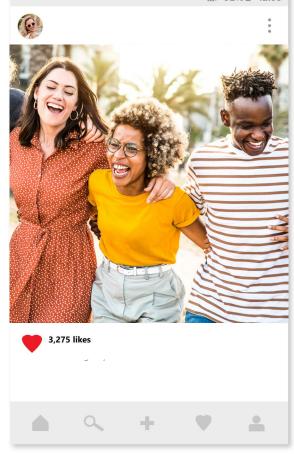
WHAT IS NATIONAL WALKING DAY?

- National Walking Day, celebrated the first Wednesday in April (April 2 this year), was established by the American Heart Association to encourage people to move more throughout the day.
- **1 in 4 U.S. adults sits for longer than eight hours each day**, which can have negative consequences on physical and mental health.
- Feeling stressed from the demands of daily life? Staying active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy.
- **Regular exercise** improves mood, boosts energy and can even help you sleep better.
- This National Walking Day, in celebration of the American Heart Association's 100th year, lace up and hit the pavement for a walk on April 2.
- The American Heart Association has been working for decades to promote policies and strategies that make it easier for communities to get and stay active.

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Post your take on #WalkingDay on social media: share an Instagram story, Reels, Facebook post, Tweet (X), or TikTok showing you on a walk, or get creative to make your walk even more fun:
 - o Ask colleagues, friends or family to join you.
 - o If you work remotely, take a conference call on the go.
 - o If you have a pet, get moving together! Walking is a win-win for the health of you and your pet.
- Amplify AHA #WalkingDay posts with your followers: feel free to share directly from our social media channels!
- Raise life-saving funds for the AHA: share #WalkingDay with your followers and add a sticker to your content encouraging donations to the AHA.





CAMPAIGN DETAILS:

- Date: April 2
- Hashtag: #WalkingDay
- Tag Handles:
 - o Facebook: @AmericanHeart
 - o Instagram: **@American_Heart** and feel free to use the collab feature!
 - o LinkedIn: @American-Heart-Association
 - o TikTok: @AmericanHeartAssociation
 - o X (Twitter): @American_Heart