

HEALTH AND

FITNESS

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THE TOP 10 TIPS FOR STAYING FIT AND HEALTHY

1 *Eat Well*

When planning meals and cooking, look at the labels for the content of carbohydrates, proteins and fats. You should aim for around:

- 45% Carbohydrates – preferably natural and non-starchy... no genetically enhanced products (e.g. pasta, bread, white rice)
 - 30% Protein – preferably low fat cuts of meat and fish, nuts, soy beans and pulses are also great sources of protein
 - 25% Fats – again nuts and seeds are great sources, as well as avocado and oily fish.
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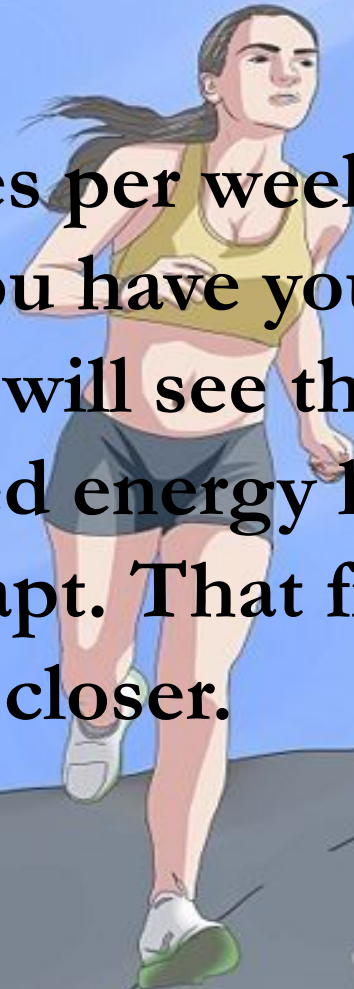
2. Keep

Hydration is key to staying healthy; after all, the brain is made up of around 70% water. A question I always get asked is 'how much water should I drink?' well that depends on you; a minimum for any adult should be two litres of water a day but a simple bit of math will help you find a more personal amount:

Body weight KG x 0.03 = MINIMUM
DAILY WATER INTAKE

3. Regular Exercise

Working out three to four times per week is a great place to start, once you have your routine, stick to it and you will see the benefits. You'll notice increased energy levels and your body will begin to adapt. That fitness goal will become ever closer.



4 Routine and

Set a plan! Be it a monthly, weekly or daily. Just a little effort of 20 minutes planning will make a world of difference to your workouts and general health.

You will know what you have to do and when, spreading your workouts and activities over the week will give your body time to recover and allow you to enjoy exercise. Incorporating different styles of exercise will help you to enjoy yourself as well as seeing results in your skill development and health.

5. Professional Advice

Seeking advice from health and fitness professionals can open doors you never knew existed. There are thousands of online blogs, Facebook pages and Tweets you can follow and pick up free tips and advice.

Never be afraid to ask, that's why health and fitness professionals exist, no matter the question, a good professional will give you an answer or pass you on to someone who may have a better knowledge in the particular subject

6. New Skills

As well as the obvious physical benefits, learning a new skill has great mental benefits too. It's always good to keep your body and brain guessing. Try new activities; there are opportunities everywhere to learn new skills from athletics to yoga or the less traditional forms of exercise such as rock climbing, boxing, rowing or canoeing.

Share your stories about exercise with friends and introduce them to your new passion, a bit of friendly competition never hurts.



7. Why, How, When and What?

A great way to set fitness and health goals is simply by asking yourself why you are doing what you are doing, how you are going to do it and when you want to achieve it by.

WHY – choose a goal

HOW – create a plan, measure your progress with photos, body fat analysis and diameter measurements. Seek advice on the most efficient techniques and tips for that specific goal.

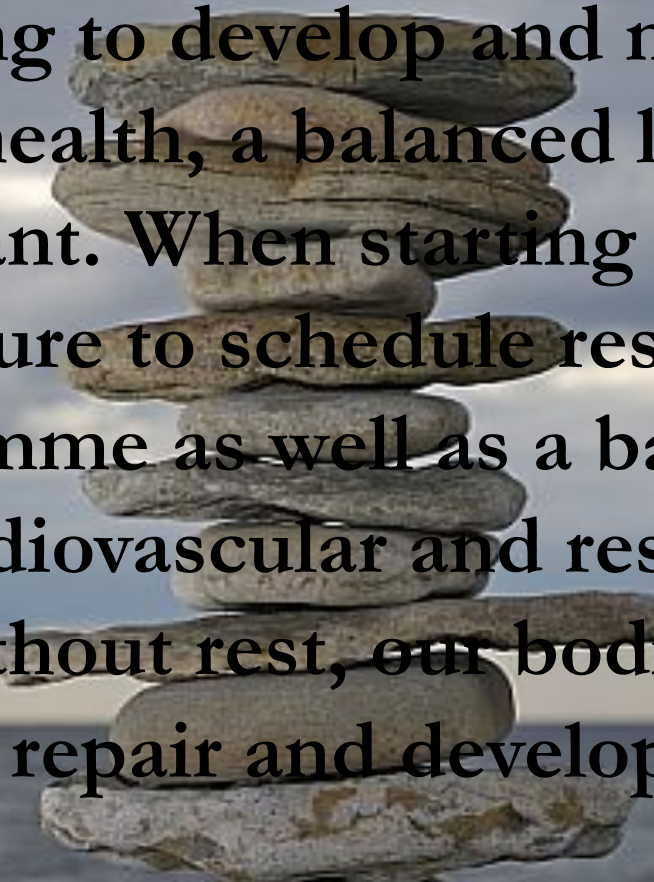
WHEN – pick a deadline of when you want to achieve your goal by, and stick to it.

WHAT – seek professional advice of what exercises to perform, you can find many good workouts online.



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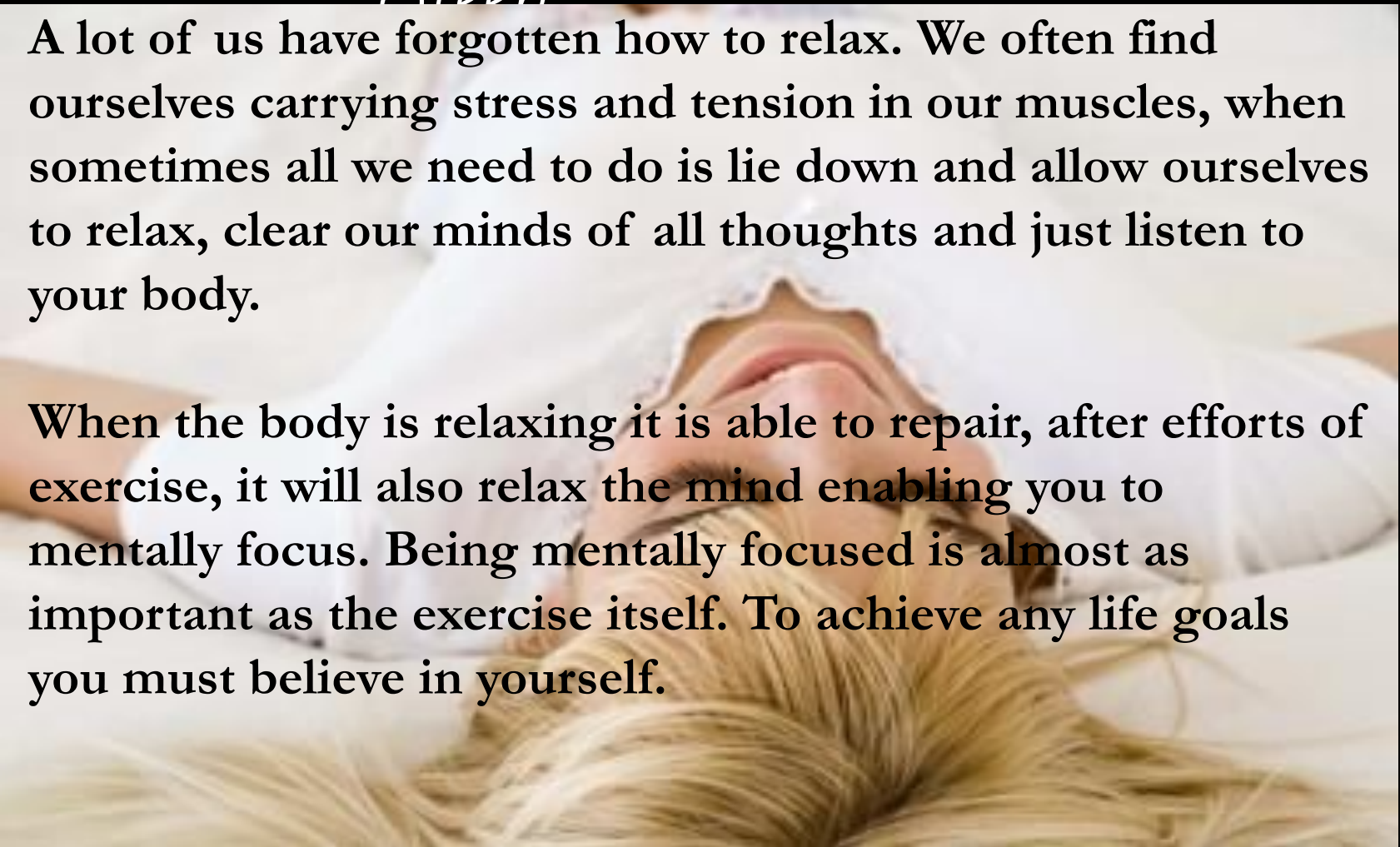


When looking to develop and maintain fitness and health, a balanced lifestyle is very important. When starting a fitness journey be sure to schedule rest days into your programme as well as a balance between cardiovascular and resistance exercise. Without rest, our bodies don't have time to repair and develop from exercise.

g. Relaxing and Sleep

A lot of us have forgotten how to relax. We often find ourselves carrying stress and tension in our muscles, when sometimes all we need to do is lie down and allow ourselves to relax, clear our minds of all thoughts and just listen to your body.

When the body is relaxing it is able to repair, after efforts of exercise, it will also relax the mind enabling you to mentally focus. Being mentally focused is almost as important as the exercise itself. To achieve any life goals you must believe in yourself.



10.

Enjoyment

Enjoy what you are *t*doing, if you enjoy your exercise you will work harder.

Choose activities you think you'll enjoy, try new activities, if you don't enjoy them at least you know you've tried.

Just because the food you eat is healthier, doesn't mean it needs to be tasteless and boring, add spices and natural flavors, and be adventurous when cooking your healthy meals.