

Five Tips for Exercising Safely During Cold Weather

Don't let falling temperatures stop your outdoor exercise plans! You can walk, ski, ice skate, shovel snow, and more.



Take a few extra steps to stay safe:

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Warm up and cool down, such as stretching or walking in place, to prepare and restore your muscles before and after a workout.



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Pick the right clothes. Dress in several layers of loose clothing to trap warm air between them. Wear a waterproof coat or jacket if it's snowy or rainy, and don't forget a hat, scarf, and gloves.



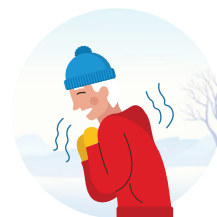
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Be extra careful around snow and icy sidewalks so you won't slip and fall. Wear sturdy shoes to give you proper footing.



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Learn about the signs of hypothermia, a drop in body temperature that can cause serious health problems.



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Check the forecast. If it's too windy, cold, or wet outside, consider an indoor workout instead using an online video or your own routine.



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