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## Stress Less, Live More: Simple Ways to Improve Your Well-Being

April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month, a time to highlight the impact stress can have on our mental and physical health.

Chronic stress can lead to **serious health issues**, including high blood pressure, heart disease, anxiety, and depression. Currently, **77% of people** regularly experience **physical symptoms** caused by stress, such as headaches, fatigue, and muscle tension. As the demands of daily life continue to increase, it's more important than ever to **recognize the signs of stress** and adopt strategies to manage it. Managing stress with **small daily habits** can make a significant difference in your mental and physical health.

## **Practical Tips for Stress Management**



Practice deep breathing exercises. Spend 5 minutes a day focused on your breath.



**Prioritize sleep.** Aim for 7-9 hours of rest each night to recharge.



Take a walk outside. Physical activity boosts endorphins, which naturally relieve stress.



Stay connected.
Talk to a friend or loved one regularly to reduce feelings of isolation.

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