

# HOW TO KEEP YOUR RESOLUTIONS IN 2014

Tips for staying on track in the New Year from WebMD Chief Medical Editor Dr. Michael Smith.

## 1 LOSE WEIGHT

35% of survey respondents said they resolved to lose weight over the past five years, but ONLY 57% of those who made the resolutions were successful.



### 2 BE MORE ACTIVE

According to a recent survey, becoming more physically fit is the SECOND LONGEST PURSUED RESOLUTION (29%).2



#### **BE SOCIAL**

**Post your workout goals** to Facebook and let your friends know how you're doing. Better yet, do it with a friend and make it competitive!



#### **TAKE BABY STEPS**

Don't bite off more than you can chew. Make your goals attainable; set a goal to lose *5 pounds at a time* rather than telling yourself you have to lose 50 pounds.









TWO IN FIVE (41%) employed adults surveyed reported that they typically feel stressed out during the workday.<sup>5</sup>



EAT HEALTHIER

59%
of women &
46%
of men
surveyed made
resolutions
to improve their
health in 2013.3





#### **TAKE A BREAK**

Meditation is a great way to alleviate stress with just a few minutes a day. Try it; it can really work!



5URVEYED ADULTS resolved to give up smoking.4



#### **BREAK BAD HABITS**

Hide your ashtrays and lighters, and avoid situations where you might be tempted to light up.



#### **CREATE A PLAN**

Plan your diet for the week. Write it down, share it with the people around you, and ask them to help keep you honest.