

ith businesses closed and jobs transitioned to remote work, most of us have been stuck at home for weeks on end. Worse yet, there's no telling when this pandemic could end, which can add on to feelings of stress and anxiety.

While sitting on the couch and binge-watching movies or your favorite TV shows might have sounded like a dream at first, lounging around probably got old pretty quickly. Now, you might be pacing your living room, itching for something to do.

To relieve some quarantine stress and help you feel productive while stuck inside, it's best to engage your mind and body each day. Here's a helpful list of ideas on how to keep your mind and body active – All from the comfort of your own home.

START A BLOG: Do you have a special skill or hobby you're passionate about? Start a blog and share your unique ideas with the world! From cooking to crocheting to lifestyle inspiration, anything is fair game. Or, start a "quarantine blog" where you can share your experiences during social distancing and help others understand they're not alone.

DO AT-HOME WORKOUTS: You don't need a full gym to complete a challenging workout! Using only body-weight exercises, small free weights you can store in a closet, or

household items, you can get your blood pumping and stay active inside.

clean and declutter: Staying inside is one thing, but staying inside a messy house is another. Use your spare time to spruce up your space from top to bottom. Now is the perfect opportunity to clear out that hallway closet you've been avoiding or to reorganize your pantry. Break down areas of your home and try to tackle a little bit each day.

PRACTICE MINDFULNESS: The world is a scary place right now, and tensions are high. Instead of scrolling through social media, take a break and focus on mindfulness. Short meditation sessions where you focus on your breathing or an encouraging mantra can help you relieve stress and calm down from feeling overwhelmed.

#### **MAKE AN INSPIRATIONAL**

COLLAGE: Mood boards or inspirational collages are both creative and encouraging. Gather supplies you have around your house and create a collage of things you want to do after the pandemic is over, as well as some of your longer-term goals. Clip pictures from old magazines, dust off your paintbrush and paint sets, pull out that pack of colored pencils from your desk drawer, and get creative!

CONNECT VIRTUALLY: You don't have to suffer in boredom alone! Your friends and family are just a video chat away. Host FaceTime or Zoom calls with family and friends, or propose virtual lunch meetings or coffee dates with coworkers. If you can't video chat, find an online community to take part in, such as a virtual book club or hobby group to have discussions with.

#### **CREATE THE PERFECT PLAYLIST:**

Music can be energizing, therapeutic, and cathartic. And nobody knows your music taste better than you! Put together some playlists that will lift your spirits or get you ready for a workout, then host a dance party in your living room with your family!

Don't squander the extra time you've been given! By keeping your mind and body active and engaged, you can help shed the stress of being stuck at home while also improving your skills, your space, and yourself.



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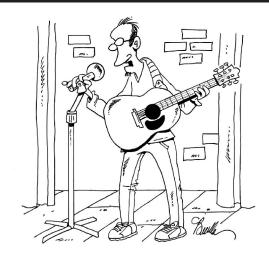
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Redflex Holdings, an Australian company, operates red-light cameras ("traffic safety programs") in 100 U.S. and Canadian cities.

Seems that when people run that red light or speed, Redflex Holdings gets a slice of the fine.

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