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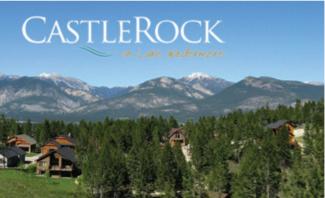
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MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Six Ways to Stand Up for Yourself

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

People-pleasing is a common pattern where individuals prioritize others' needs or desires over their own...often at the expense of their well-being. Overcoming this behaviour takes self-awareness, boundary-setting, and practicing self-care. Here are six ways to stop people-pleasing:

1. Recognize and Acknowledge the Behaviour

The first step in breaking free from people-pleasing is to recognize when you're doing it. Notice if you're constantly agreeing to things you don't want to do, neglecting your own needs, or avoiding conflict at all costs. Once you can identify these patterns, you can start taking steps to address them.

2. Set Clear Boundaries

Setting healthy boundaries is essential to stopping people-pleasing. This means learning to say no without guilt and making it clear what you can and cannot do. Practice asserting yourself calmly and confidently when someone asks for something that goes beyond your limits. You don't have to provide an explanation for your boundaries — just saying "I can't do that right now" or "That doesn't work for me" is enough.

3. Understand and Prioritize Your Own Needs

People-pleasers often suppress their own needs in favour of others. To stop this, be mindful of your own feelings and desires. Make a habit of checking in with yourself regularly. What do you need in the moment? What are your values? Prioritizing your own emotional, mental, and physical well-being helps you stop being overly concerned with other people's approval.

4. Challenge Your Fear of Disappointment or Conflict

A lot of people-pleasers fear disappointing others or facing conflict. Shift your mindset by reminding yourself that it's okay to disagree or say no. You don't need to make everyone happy, and people's reactions to your boundaries don't define your worth. Over time, you'll become more comfortable with discomfort and realize that you can handle others' feelings without compromising your own.

5. Learn to Tolerate Guilt and Discomfort

It's natural to feel guilty when you start saying no or standing up for your needs, especially if you're used to pleasing others. Practice tolerating that guilt and discomfort. Understand that feeling bad doesn't mean you've done something wrong — it simply means you're making a change. As you practice, this guilt will lessen, and you'll become more comfortable with acting in ways that align with your values.

6. Surround Yourself with Supportive People

Having people around who respect your boundaries and encourage your personal growth can help you feel empowered to stop people-pleasing. Seek relationships that are balanced and reciprocal, where your needs are valued just as much as others. Positive, supportive people will help you feel more confident and less likely to fall back into people-pleasing behaviours.

Changing people-pleasing habits takes time, but with consistent effort and practice, you can learn to prioritize your own needs and create healthier, more authentic relationships.



RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Embracing May: A Season of Growth and Connection

by Chima Akuchie

With the arrival of May, Calgary bursts into life with longer days, warmer temperatures, and fresh opportunities to connect. It's a time for renewal—not just in nature but within our communities. Whether you're stepping outside to enjoy the city's parks, joining local initiatives, or simply spending quality time with loved ones, this month invites us all to embrace the season's energy.

Spring is the perfect reminder of the power of small actions. Supporting local businesses, volunteering, or lending a helping hand to neighbours can create a ripple effect of kindness. As the cost of living continues to challenge many, community support plays a vital role in ensuring no one feels left behind. Even simple gestures, like participating in a charity event or attending a neighbourhood cleanup, contribute to a stronger and more connected city.

Beyond acts of service, May is filled with opportunities for fun and discovery. From cultural celebrations to outdoor markets and live performances, there's no shortage of ways to engage. Exploring new events, trying different cuisines, or joining creative workshops can introduce fresh experiences while fostering a deeper connection to the city and those around us.

As the season blooms, so do new possibilities. May is an invitation to step outside your routine, meet new people, and take part in activities that enrich both personal and community life. Whether through attending events, picking up a new hobby, or simply appreciating the beauty of the changing season, every small moment of engagement adds to the collective spirit of the city.

Let's welcome May with open arms, embracing the opportunities it brings to grow, connect, and create lasting memories. Here's to a month filled with positivity and meaningful experiences!



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Window and Balcony Safety

by Alberta Health Services

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony or deck.

Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.



- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10 cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.



YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Create a Beautiful and Resilient YardSmart Yard This Spring!

by The City of Calgary

A YardSmart yard stays beautiful longer during hot and dry weather compared to yards completely planted with grass. The City's YardSmart program provides helpful resources that show you how to how to plan, build, and maintain your yard, including:

- Layouts and plant lists for all over your yard wet, full sun, partial sun, and shade areas.
- Easy to follow information on planting, watering, and maintenance.
- How-to videos including how to garden on a budget and creating a pollinator-friendly yard.

Remember, new plants need lots of water to get established, especially during the heat of summer. You can do your part to reduce your water consumption and help your yard and garden retain moisture by:

- Installing a rain barrel to use in your yard and garden.
 It is a simple, yet effective way to reduce your water use by acting as a backup source of water.
- Only giving plants the water they need.
- Mowing less often to keep your grass five to seven cm (two to three inches) high to shade the soil.
- Replacing portions of your lawn with garden features that use less water and help absorb rainwater such as low water-use perennials and shrubs, lawn alternatives, or groundcovers.
- Adding good quality soil to help retain moisture and mulch on top to reduce evaporation.

To learn more about how to create a beautiful, resilient yard and garden that uses less water, visit calgary.ca/YardSmart.







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Understanding Prediabetes

by Alberta Health Services



Did you know that in Canada, 6.1% of adults over the age of 20 have prediabetes? Having prediabetes increases the risk of progressing to Type 2 diabetes (T2D). However, there are lifestyle changes that can reduce this risk.

Prediabetes occurs when blood sugar levels are higher than normal but are not yet high enough to be classified as T2D. T2D is a chronic condition where the body is unable to use insulin properly, leading to high blood sugar that may result in other complications like heart disease or nerve damage.

What Causes Prediahetes?

Our body uses blood sugar (glucose) for energy. After eating, our body breaks some of the food we eat down into glucose. The hormone insulin then helps move the glucose into our cells to be used for energy. In prediabetes, insulin does not work as well as it used to. This leads to higher blood sugar levels resulting in prediabetes. Often, there are no physical symptoms of prediabetes.

Prediabetes can develop into T2D. However, progression is not inevitable and making changes sooner can reduce the chances of developing T2D.

For people with prediabetes, it is important to know that blood sugar levels are affected by what and when you eat.

Tips For Eating to Manage Blood Sugars

- 1. Limit juices and drinks with added sugar. Choose whole fruit or flavoured water with lemon or lime.
- 2. Eat three meals a day, with about four to six hours between meals. This can manage blood sugar and feelings of hunger.

- 3. Build your plate according to Diabetes Canada. Cover half your plate with vegetables, such as broccoli, spinach, and cabbage. Cover another quarter of your plate with whole grain products or starchy vegetables such as potatoes, corn, and yams. Put protein foods on the remaining ¼ plate such as lentils, tofu, meat, fish, and eggs. Visit diabetes.ca/nutrition to find the healthy eating section with additional tips.
- 4. Choose foods with fibre. Fibre slows down digestion and helps maintain stable blood sugar levels. Include whole grains like oats, quinoa, and barley along with vegetables and fruits to boost your fibre intake. Aim for 30 grams or more per day. Visit ahs.ca/nutritionhandouts and search Fibre for more information about foods with fibre.
- 5. Choose unsaturated fats. Prediabetes increases the risk of developing heart disease. Replacing saturated fat in the diet with unsaturated fat can help decrease this risk. Unsaturated fat can also help improve insulin sensitivity.

Foods high in unsaturated fats:

- · Soft margarine
- Oils: canola, olive, peanut, sunflower
- · Avocado, nuts and seeds, nut butters
- Ground flax seeds, chia seeds, or hemp seeds
- Fish instead of other animal proteins

Foods high in saturated fats:

- · Coconut oil, lard, butter, hard margarine
- · Red meat, deep fried foods, processed cheeses
- Cream and ice cream

Getting Active to Prevent Prediabetes

Physical activity is a powerful tool in managing prediabetes. Physical activity helps your body use insulin to lower blood sugar levels. Start slowly and build up to 30 minutes each day, five to seven days a week. Brisk walking, swimming, cycling, or any other activity you enjoy is a great place to start.

Resistance training such as lifting weights or bodyweight exercises can also be beneficial for building muscle and improving blood sugars.

Remember that physical activity is cumulative and does not need to be completed in one session. Even

a brief ten-minute walk after a meal has been shown to improve blood sugar levels. For more information visit csepquidelines.ca.

Excess body weight is a factor that may contribute to having prediabetes and the development of T2D. A reduction as little as 5% of initial weight can greatly reduce the risk of developing T2D, for example for a person who weighs 90 kg (200 lb.), 5% weight loss would be 4.5 kg (10 lb.). Rather than focusing on rapid weight loss, aim for gradual, sustainable changes. Visit ahs.ca/nutritionhandouts and search Eating Well for Weight and Health to learn more about weight management.

Making changes can help reduce risk while still maintaining an enjoyable lifestyle. However, change can be hard, especially if we try to make too many changes too fast. Set achievable goals and take small, gradual steps to ensure that your approach is sustainable.

Consider ways to support your health that work for you and seek guidance from healthcare providers for personalized advice.



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- 4. A video game classic, the character of Mario was originally called ______.
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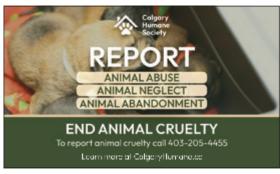


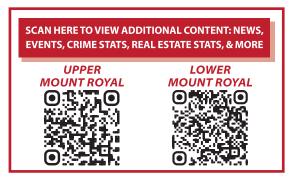


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