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HSE HEALTH AND WELLBEING COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 2022 **Click Here to return to**



Day 1

Welcome to our Countdown to Christmas Calendar! Follow these daily tips to support your health and wellbeing as we embrace the



The festive season can be lonely for some. Show compassion and demonstrate kindness by checking in on more vulnerable members of your community, such as friends or neighbours who live alone.

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The busy festive season brings with it additional tasks for our 'to-do' list. Ease feelings of stress and embrace the Christmas chaos with tips at yourmentalhealth.ie



Christmas is a particular time when we remember dear ones we have lost. For advice on dealing with death, bereavement and grief visit hse.ie/ grief/healthcare



Our physical health has a big impact on how we feel. Doing yoga, Pilates or strength & conditioning exercises can improve our physical health. Try our free online programmes available from the HSE Health and Wellbeing website and You Tube channel.

Interactive Calendar

Day 2

Do you 'Know Your



gratitude reminds us to appreciate all that we have. A simple way includes creating a 'gratitude journal' and writing down 3-4 things before bed that brought you joy that day.

Day 9 The 'Personal Happiness Planner' will support you to set goals, create positive change, raise your energy and form new habits. Search 'Personal Happiness Planner' on hse.ie

Play it safe this Christmas Hay I and throughout the year. Visit sexualwellbeing.ie for information on your sexual health and wellbeing.

Dav 16 Connecting with nature can benefit our mental health. Wrap up and explore vour local Slí na Sláinte route. Greenwav or Parkrun this festive season.

Bay 22

Reduce Food Waste: As you plan your Christmas meals, consider how you can use any leftovers with tips from epa.ie



Day 4 Take inspiration from

webinars available on the HSE Health and Wellbeing You Tube Channel, featuring topics such as 'The Psychology of Health and Happiness' and 'Identifying Your Strengths.'

Day 11 Did you know that

year that can increase our exposure to alcohol. For tips on drinking less and tools to track your drinking habits visit askaboutalcohol.ie

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Christmas is a time of

Day 17

If managing your weight and health is your goal for the New Year, the HSE's guide to developing healthy habits can support vou. Available from healthpromotion.ie

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If you are working over Christmas, ensure to take time to relax and recharge. 'Minding Your Wellbeing' provides an opportunity to learn about mindfulness, gratitude, self-care and resilience. Available from the HSE Health and Wellbeing website and You Tube channel.

Day 5

the arts (including

visual art. theatre.

positively impact our health

creativeireland.gov.ie

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Day 24

One more sleep!

sleep makes a big

difference to how

we feel. For tips for

vourmentalhealth.ie

better sleep see

Good-quality

and wellbeing? Find out more at

With technology playing

such a huge part of the

family Christmas, there

important to put mobile

devices to one side and

come together and play.

are times when it's

Visit makeastart.ie

literature, music

and dance) can

It may be the season of good cheer for many, but low mood can affect us all at various stages of our lives. For tips on improving vour mood visit yourmentalhealth.ie

Day 6

Maintaining a healthy diet can be challenging when surrounded by festive feasts and tempting treats! Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals. Search 'healthy eating' on hse.ie for tips.



Our online HSE Christmas concert takes place on 21st December. Plan now to come and join us for the festivities For registration details. email healthyireland@hse.ie

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Make 2023 the year you OUIT. The HSE Ouit Programme can help you stop smoking for good. Whether you've tried to guit before or this is your first attempt, we can offer you support and encouragement at quit.ie

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Happy Christmas to vou and vour family from HSE Health and Wellbeing. We wish you a healthy, safe and peaceful Christmas.









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Today's the day of the HSE

Christmas concert. Festive

fun is guaranteed! If you

are unable to join us live

at 4pm, registering will

ensure you receive the

healthyireland@hse.ie

recording. For details, email