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# Plan member/employee reference guide

Workplace Strategies for Mental Health is a leading source of free, practical tools and resources designed to help Canadian employees and their employers with the prevention, intervention and management of workplace mental health issues\*. Below are examples of tools and resources available on the Resources for employees section of the Workplace Strategies' website workplacestrategiesformentalhealth.com

\*Tools and resources suggested below are designed for individuals dealing with mental health issues but can be useful for anyone on-leave, returning to work, or at work to support psychologically healthy workplaces.

# **At Work**

# Coping with change

Explore how you can navigate change in ways that help you accept and adapt to changes that are outside your control.

# Dealing with a stressful boss

Strategies to help employees maintain their well-being while working with a boss they find difficult.

# Mental health awareness videos

Video interviews with people who experienced mental health issues at work discussing what helped.

#### Prevent burnout

Strategies to help identify risks and prevent burnout for yourself.

## Resolving personal conflict

Tips and techniques to use when dealing with conflict. These strategies are intended to help you resolve issues yourself.

#### Self-doubt and impostor syndrome

Explore what impostor syndrome is, what triggers it, and how you can take action to address your self-doubt.

#### What is an Employee Assistance Program (EAP)?

Learn what could be offered and how your confidentiality is protected with an Employee Assistance Program.

## Work-life balance tips

Balancing your work and personal life can be challenging and stressful at times. These tips and strategies can help.

# **Getting help**

#### Assessing your current situation

Ask yourself these questions to get a picture of what's going on with you right now.

#### Family issues

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Resources to help cope with family issues such as divorce, separation, grief and loss that can result in family breakdown.

### Preparing for a difficult conversation

Taking a few moments to reflect on your assumptions and intentions before beginning a difficult conversation can set you up to be more effective.

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## Supportive conversation library

Questions and strategies to help you have a supportive conversation with someone you care about on difficult topics like mental health, stress, addiction, anger, abuse or lying.

#### Virtual support groups

Online support groups for a wide variety of mental or physical health issues.

# **Personal Growth**

#### Emotional intelligence for employees

Free activities to increase your ability to manage your reactions and control how you impact others. Building your emotional intelligence can help reduce stress.

#### Managing stress

Learn how to manage your reactions to stress and protect your well-being.

#### Mental health apps

Links to free evidence-based apps, some with paid options, which can help with your mental health and wellness.

#### Resilience

A tool to help you bounce back after a health, personal or work crisis. This resource helps you develop healthy coping strategies to deal with life's challenges.

#### Other resources

#### A tool to support employee success

A process that engages employee and employer to develop solutions that support productivity and well-being. Supporting Employee Success is for any employee, including those needing accommodation.

#### Responding to co-worker questions

Quick and practical tips for responding to coworker questions.

# **Subscriptions**

# Mental Health Awareness Emails

Increase your mental health awareness in five minutes a week with this email series delivered to your inbox.

### Take Your Break free emails

Subscribe to weekly Take Your Break emails for activities that support good mental health at work. These low to no-cost break activities can help you energize, calm your mind or relax your body.

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