## **Mayo Clinic Minute**

## Make a New Year's resolution to move more in 2018

We've all done it. We make a New Year's
resolution to get in better shape, but give up
after a few days or weeks.
So how can you make this the year you actually
stick to it?
"Making sure that you start with a really realistic goal. Then really thinking about what
do you enjoy."
Danielle Johnson is a wellness physical therapist
with the Healthy Living Program at Mayo Clinic.
She says one of the first things that trips a lot of
people up is forcing themselves to do exercises they hate.
"Looking at some new goals that you can be
excited about. Exercise should not be drudgery. Exercise should be fun."
She says it's also important to be realistic about
your time commitment.
"Maybe you only have 20, 30 minutes three
days a week. Again, starting from a place where
we can build success. You can always add more."
But above all else, be honest with yourself
about what you can stick to.
"So having realistic, healthy expectations can
be a really good way to move forward in a very
successful physical activity plan."
For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Ian Roth.