

De Pere Health Department



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OLDER ADULT RESOURCE GUIDE

Local resources, programs, and tools for adults 55+ in De Pere, WI

www.deperewi.gov/olderadults

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De Pere Health Department Programs



Public Health
Prevent Promote Protect

B I N G Ocizc

Bingo, Exercise, & Health Education





About

Bingocize® combines fall preventing-exercise and health trivia with the classic game of bingo for a fun way to get moving, learning, and socializing. Bingocizers maintain or gain mobility and independence during this exercise class while meeting new people and winning prizes!

De Pere Health Department/De Pere Community Center and ADRC of Brown County host Bingocize classes for older adults throughout the year.

De Pere Community Center htwww.deperewi.gov/communitycenter 920-339-4097



De Pere Steps to Safety Program









About

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Steps to Safety™ (S2S) Prevent Fire and Falls at Home program pairs fire/EMS professionals with community partners, such as Public Health, to educate older adults about home fire and fall safety through group presentations and home visits.

Any City of De Pere resident can request a Steps to Safety home visit with our De Pere Fire Rescue and De Pere Health Department staff.

During the visit, we will assess your home and habits for fall and fire risks including: CO/smoke detector function (with replacement as needed), electrical cords, throw rugs, grab bars, health history, medications, and more.

www.nfpa.org/stepstosafety

De Pere Health Dept

920-339-4054



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Follow these 8 steps to help reduce your risk of a fall. Learn more at nfpa.org/stepstosafety.



- 1 Exercise regularly. Exercise will help you build strength and improve your balance and coordination. Ask your doctor about the best physical exercise for you.
- Take your time. Get out of chairs slowly. Sit a moment before you get out of your bed. Stand and get your balance before you walk. Be aware of your surroundings.
- 3 Keep stairs, pathways, and walking areas clear. Remove electrical cords, shoes, clothing, books, magazines, and other items that may be in the way of foot traffic. Have easy-to-grip handrails installed along the full length on both sides of the stairs. Consider subscribing to a medical alert system. If you have an emergency, just push the wearable button that is provided and the service will send emergency responders.
- Improve the lighting in and outside your home. Use night lights or a flashlight to light the path between your bedroom and the bathroom. Turn on the lights before using the stairs. Have lighting at both the top and bottom of stairways. See an eye doctor once a year.

- 5 Use non-slip mats and grab bars.
 Non-slip mats increase safety in the bathtub and on shower floors. Use non-slip mats outside the tub and shower. Install grab bars on the wall next to the bathtub, shower, and toilet.
 Wipe up spilled liquids immediately.
- Be aware of uneven surfaces.

 Make sure indoor flooring is safe from tripping hazards. Use only throw rugs that have rubber, nonskid backing. Consider non-skid pads under rugs. Always smooth out wrinkles and folds in carpeting. Be aware of uneven sidewalks and pavement outdoors. Ask a family member, a friend, or a neighbor to clear ice and snow from outdoor stairs and walkways. Always use handrails, if available, and step carefully.
- Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes.
 Low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles
 are best, even inside. These are safer
 than high heels, thick-soled athletic
 shoes, slippers, or stocking feet.
- Have a list of your current medications available. Keep your list updated and visible—on your refrigerator or in your wallet. Give a copy to a family member or caregiver. Your primary care provider should know all the medications you take to be able to identify if any or a combination of them can make you at higher risk for a fall. Ask your doctor if any of your medications can make you drowsy or affect your balance.

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Follow these 8 steps to help prevent fires at home. Learn more at nfpa.org/stepstosafety.

- 1 If you smoke, smoke outside. Provide smokers with large, deep, sturdy ashtrays. Wet cigarette butts and ashes before throwing them out or bury them in sand, and never throw them in plants or mulch. Never smoke in bed. Never smoke if oxygen is used in the home.
- 2 Give space heaters space. Keep them at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from anything that can burn—including you. Shut off and unplug heaters when you leave the room or go to bed. Plug heaters directly into a wall outlet and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- 3 Stay in the kitchen when frying food and cooking on the stove top. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the burner. Use a timer when cooking. If a pan of food catches fire, slide a lid over it and turn off the burner. Don't cook if you are drowsy from alcohol or medication. Do not cook when taking new medication until you know how it will affect you. Wear tight-fitting or short sleeves when cooking. Use oven mitts to handle hot pans. Use lightweight manageable pans.
- If your clothes catch fire: stop, drop, and roll. Stop (don't run), drop gently to the ground, and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth to put out the fire. If you cannot drop and roll, keep a blanket or towel nearby to smother flames. If you use a wheelchair, scooter, or other device and can get to the floor, lock the device before getting out and then roll until the flames are out. If you are a bystander, use a rug or blanket to help extinguish the flames. Use cool water for 3–5 minutes to cool the burn. Get medical help right away.

- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, have interconnected alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound. Have someone test your smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button. Replace any that are 10 years old or older. If you or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, use bed shaker and strobe light alerts that work with your smoke alarm. Install carbon monoxide alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- 6 Plan and practice your escape from fire and smoke. If possible, plan two ways out of every room in your home and two ways out of your home. Make sure windows and doors open easily. If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- 7 Know your local emergency number. It may be 9-1-1 or the fire department's phone number. Once you have escaped a fire, call the fire department from a neighbor's phone or a cell phone. In case of a medical emergency, keep family and contact names and numbers by the phone.
- Plan your escape for your abilities.

 Have a landline or a cell phone with a charger near your bed to call for help if you are trapped by smoke or fire. Have your walker, cane, scooter, or wheelchair by your bed. Keep your glasses, phone, and flashlight near your bed to reach quickly in an emergency.



Community Partners



ADRC of Brown County



About

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are a Wisconsin idea designed to partner with adults 60+, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers, empowering them to live their best possible life. ADRC of Brown County offers a broad range of services and events with topics such as: fall prevention, advanced directives, dementia, basic needs, healthy eating, exercise, home care, social security, Medicare/insurance, long term care, transportation,

www.adrcofbrowncounty.org 300 S Adams St Green Bay, WI 54301 920-448-4300



Getting Help: Falls Prevention

* - Free \$ - Minimal Payment = \$20-25 # - Check with your insurance or provider for payment required Services, Education, and Group Classes Offered in Brown County

www.ADRCofbrowncounty.org Green Bay, WI 54301 Phone (920)448-4300

Agency Name & Contact Information	Website with Printable/ Video Reources	Healthcare Support & Education	In-Home Falls Assesment	Strength & Balance Exercise Classes	Stepping On Workshop	Walk With Ease Workshop	Bingocize Workshop	Community Presentations
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) 300 S. Adams St. GB, WI 54301 https://adrcofbrowncounty.org/fall-prevention/ 920-448-4300	*		Referral Needed	*	Self Referral	Self Referral Self Referral \$	Self Referral	*
Aurora Health Care 920-288-8100 https://www.aurorahealthcare.org/		#/\$			Self Referral			
Bellin Health 920-445-7220 920-433-6050 https://bellin.org/		#/\$						
De Pere Health Department 335 S Broadway; De Pere, WI 54115 920-339-4054 https://www.deperewi.gov/topic/index.php?topicid=484&structureid=128			Self referral, City of De Pere residents				Self Referral	Within City of De Pere
Fall Prevention Alliance of Northeast Wisconsin, inc. 920-373-1083 https://www.fallpreventionalliance.com/	*							
Falls Free Wisconsin https://fallsfreewi.org/	*	*						
Green Bay Metro Fire Department 501 S Washington St; GB, WI 54301 920-448-3280 https://greenbaywi.gov/1420/Fire								*

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Kroc Center 1315 Lime Kiln Rd; GB, WI 54311 920-884-5007 https://gbkroccenter.org/				#/\$				
Milo C. Huempfner Dept of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic 2851 University Ave; GB, WI 54311 920-431-2500 https://www.va.gov/milwaukee-health-care/		#/\$		#/\$				
N.E.W. Community Clinic 920-437-7206 https://www.newcc.health/								
Oneida Community Health Center 2640 West Point Rd; GB, WI 54304 920-490-3780 https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/health/community-health-services/ Serving Oneida patients by referral and Oneida employees on health plan								
Prevea Health 920-496-4700 https://www.prevea.com/		#/\$			Self Referral			
YMCA 920-436-9622 https://www.greenbayymca.org/		*		↔		s		⇔ *
YWCA 230 S Madison St; GB, WI 54301 920-432-5581 https://www.ywcagreenbay.org/				4				

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De Pere Community Center



About

Part of the De Pere Parks, Recreation & Forestry
Department, the De Pere Community Center is an active,
thriving venue that serves as an epicenter of lifelong
learning, health, fitness, enrichment, recreational, and
celebration opportunities. They host many opportunities
for older adults, including exercise and fall prevention
programs! Call today to find out more.

www.deperewi.gov/communitycenter 600 Grant St 920-339-4097



WI Institute for Healthy Aging



About

Wisconsin Institute of Healthy Aging (WIHA) encourages a culture of healthy aging that embraces equity, independence, and self-management, and that values every person in every community. Falls Free® Wisconsin (FFWI), part of WIHA, has a vision for reducing falls in Wisconsin and is dedicated to Wisconsinites looking for tools, resources, and programs to prevent falls.

www.wihealthyaging.org www.fallsfreewi.org



Rennes Group



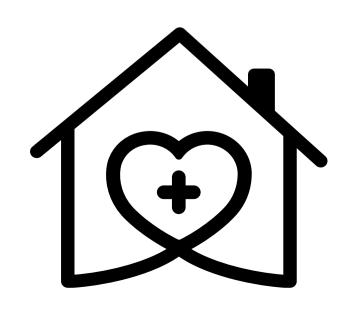




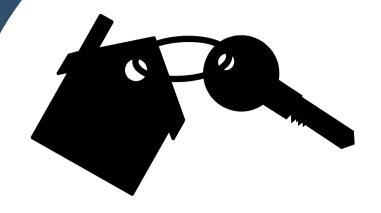
About

Rennes Group offers assisted living, memory care, inpatient and outpatient rehab/therapies, and skilled nursing services in West De Pere. Rennes Health & Rehab Center, The Renaissance by Rennes, and Residence by Rennes include a highly experienced, licensed, and compassionate care team who's dedicated to providing quality and personalized care.

www.rennesgroup.com
Residence
920-983-5200
Renaissance
920-983-5100
Rennes Health & Rehab
920-336-5680



Senior Apartments in De Pere



OAK MEADOWS

55+

525 N. 10th Street www.accmanagementgroup.com 920-366-5368

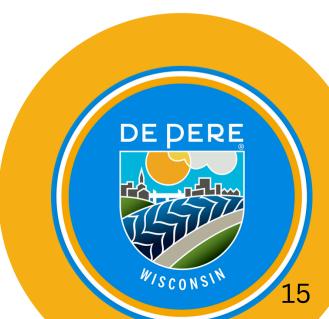
NICOLET TERRACE

Preference to 62+ or disability Income-based 850 Morning Glory Lane www.dphousing.org 920-336-0755

NICOLET HIGHLANDS

55+

430 Grant Street www.ardenpropertygroup.com 920-247-2022 Senior
apartments
may offer
amenities,
layouts,
services, and
conveniences
specific to
older adults



Have You Fallen In Your Home?



We Can Help Keep You In Your Home For Free!

Rebuilding Together Fox Valley Can Install:

- Grab Bars
- Bathtub Transfer Benches
- Anti-Slip Adhesives In Bathtubs
- Toilet Seat Risers
- Night Lights



Our Services Are Free To Qualified Homeowners
Thanks To Funding From Businesses And Foundations

- * Must Own And Live In The Home
- * We Cannot Serve Apartments, Duplexes, Or Mobile Homes

Get Help Now!

(920) 730-2156

contact@rtfv.org

www.rtfv.org



Mental Health and Safety

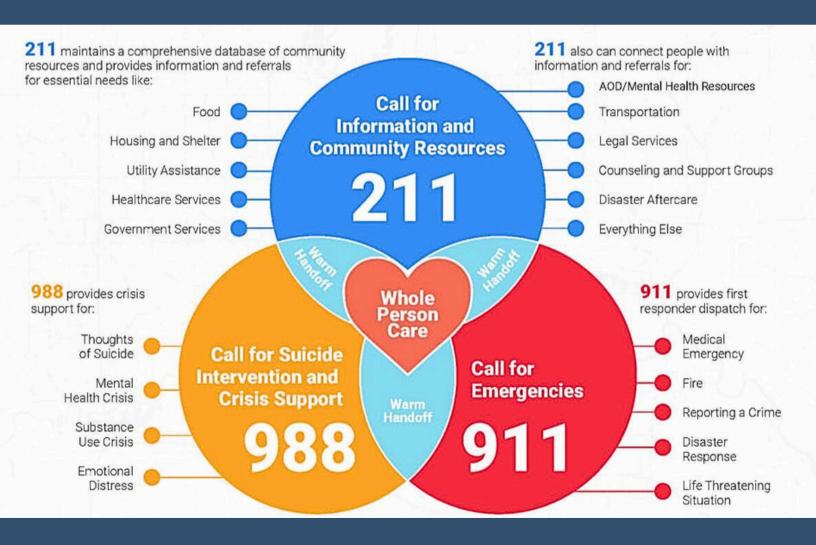




988
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



In De Pere and Wisconsin, help is just 3 numbers away



De Pere Police Department Social Worker



Police Social Worker, John Bushmaker, is available to assist City of De Pere residents in connecting to community resources along with navigating concerns caused by neglect, poverty, abuse, domestic violence, mental health, and substance abuse. He advocates for and develops plans to improve individual and family wellbeing within De Pere.



John P. Bushmaker, LCSW (920) 339-4078, Ext. 1205 jbushmaker@deperewi.gov

Elder Abuse/ Adult Protection

Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-833-586-0107

Brown County Adult Protective Services (920) 448-7885

The Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline Program is a toll-free hotline available for community members and victims to contact for assistance in obtaining needed resources and making referrals to local authorities.

Individuals who suspect they are a victim of elder abuse or know someone who may be experiencing abuse are encouraged to learn more about the signs at www.ReportElderAbuseWl.org and make a report through Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-833-586-0107.

The primary function of Adult Protective Services is to conduct investigations on referrals of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable, disabled adults and elder persons.

To make a report/referral in Brown County during normal business hours, please call (920) 448-7885. After hours, please call the Crisis Center at (920) 436-8888.





Social Connection











Loneliness is the feeling of being alone, isolated, or not socially connected. 33% of adults 45+ report feeling lonely and 28% percent of older adults live alone. Loneliness can lead to higher rates of chronic illness and early death. We challenge you to make new connections!

A few options to connect in our area:

Join a club:

De Pere has many groups to join! Check out the local Kiwanis Club, Neighborhood Watch, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Optimist Club, and others!

Volunteer:

From the De Pere Beautification Committee to animal shelters to food pantries, there are many volunteer opportunities in De Pere and Brown County! Grab a friend and engage with the community.

Find local events:

Contact De Pere Community Center, Kress Family Branch of the Brown County Library, Definitely De Pere, or the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Brown County for upcoming workshops, exercise classes, festivals, card games, and more!

www.deperewi.gov/belong



Chronic Disease Prevention



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Know the signs of a stroke!

BE FAST

BALANCE

Sudden loss of coordination or balance

EYES

Sudden change in vision

FACE

Sudden weakness on one side of the face or facial droop

ARM

Sudden arm or leg weakness or numbness

SPEECH

Sudden slurred speech, trouble speaking, trouble understanding speech

TERRIBLE HEADACHE

Sudden onset of a terrible headache



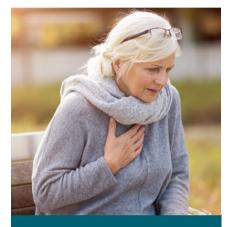




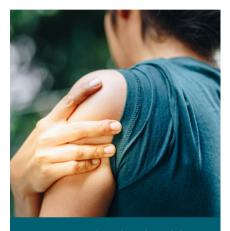
TIME TO CALL 9-1-1
Every second counts!



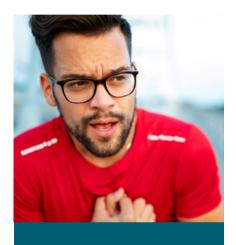
Know the heart attack warning signs.



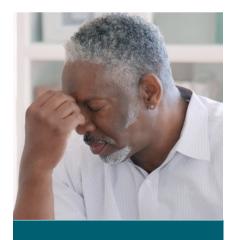
Your chest may hurt or feel squeezed, or it may feel like heartburn or indigestion.



Your arms, back, shoulders, neck, jaw, or upper stomach (above the belly button) may hurt.



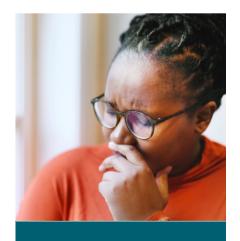
You may feel like you can't breathe.



You may feel light-headed or break out in a cold sweat.



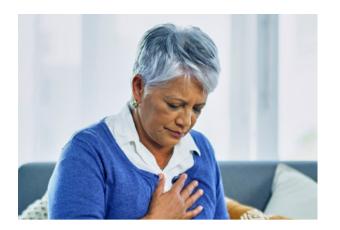
You may feel sick to your stomach.



You may feel really, really tired.







Understand that heart attacks are not all the same.

Some heart attacks are sudden. Other heart attacks start slowly. Your pain and other signs may go away and come back. You may not be sure if you are having a heart attack. **Don't wait, check it out right away.**

Act fast. Call 9-1-1.



Call 9–1–1 if you think you may be having a heart attack. Don't wait! If you can't call, ask a family member or friend to call 9–1–1.



Do not drive yourself to the hospital. The ambulance is the best and safest way to get there. Emergency medical services workers will start lifesaving treatments right away.

To help survive a heart attack, take these steps:

- Know the signs of a heart attack.
- Understand that heart attacks are not all the same.
- Act fast. Call 9-1-1.



PREDIABETES

COULD IT BE YOU?





98 million American adults-more than 1 in 3 —have prediabetes



More than 8 in 10

adults with prediabetes don't know they have it

BLOOD SUGAR

Type 2 Diabetes Prediabetes Normal

With prediabetes, your blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes

PREDIABETES RISKS

Prediabetes increases your risk of:



Type 2 **Diabetes**



Heart Disease



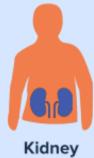
Stroke

TYPE 2 DIABETES HEALTH RISKS

If you ignore prediabetes, your risk for type 2 diabetes goes up type 2 diabetes increases your risk for serious health complications:



Blindness



Failure



Disease



Stroke



Loss of toes, feet, or legs

REDUCE YOUR RISK

If you have prediabetes, losing weight by:







YOU CAN PREVENT TYPE 2 DIABETES



Find out if you have prediabetes— See your doctor to get your blood sugar tested

active



Join a CDC-recognized diabetes prevention program

- Eat healthy
- ✓ Be more active
- Lose weight







Learn more from CDC and take the **Prediabetes Risk Test** at www.cdc.gov/prediabetes/risktest/





There are choices you can make that can help reduce your risk of getting cancer. Some of them may be easier than you think.

Stay away from tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and other forms.

Get moving with regular physical activity. We recommend at least 75-150 minutes of vigorous activity, or 150-300 minutes of moderate activity per week.

Eat healthy with plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and limit or avoid red and processed meat and processed foods.

Get to and stay at a healthy weight.

It's best not to drink alcohol. If you do drink, women should have no more than 1 drink per day and men should have no more than 2 drinks per day.

Protect your skin from the sun with sunscreen, clothing, wide-brimmed hats, and sunglasses; and avoid the sun from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Know yourself, your family history, and your risks, and let your health care team know about them, too.

Get regular checkups and cancer screening tests.

Visit us online at **cancer.org** or call **1-800-227-2345** to learn more about what you can do to help reduce your cancer risk and to get answers to your cancer questions. We're here when you need us.



Vaccines for Older Adults



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Recommended Vaccines for Older Adults



Vaccines are needed throughout the lifespan to protect against common and/or debilitating illnesses. With age, you may be at risk for different illnesses or outcomes or your previous immunity may wane. **Talk to your doctor or pharmacist** about these vaccines that are commonly recommended for older adults:

- Influenza Vaccine (high dose)
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- RSV Vaccine (respiratory syncytial virus)
- Pneumococcal Vaccine
- TDaP Vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- Shingles Vaccine (herpes zoster)

www.cdc.gov/vaccines-adults

PHARMACIES WITH VACCINES IN DE PERE* Q



<u>Pharmacy</u>
510 Redbird Circle
920-351-8155



Walgreens Pharmacy 901 Main Ave 920-983-6153

Walgreens Pharmacy
150 S Wisconsin St
920-278-3241



CVS Pharmacy 800 Main Ave 920-336-6373



<u>De Pere Supercenter</u>

<u>Pharmacy</u>

1415 Lawrence Dr

920-336-7168

*For children and adults 6+ years old with insurance/Medicare





Food Safety



Public Health

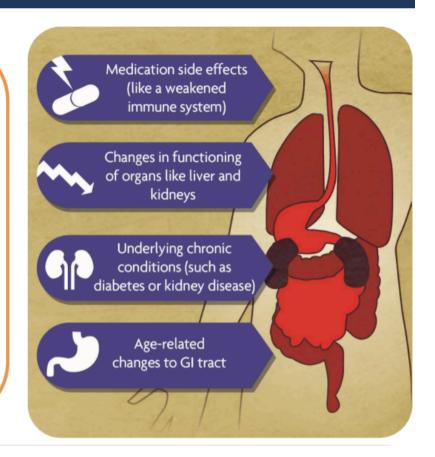
Prevent. Promote. Protect

Food Safety and Older Adults

Adults 65+ are at an increased risk of hospitalization and death from foodborne illness.

Why?

www.fsis.usda.gov





Food Safety and Inspection Service

Is it done yet? You can't tell just by looking!

Use a food thermometer to check for the safe minimum internal temperature.



Red Meat

Beef, Pork, Veal & Lamb (Steaks, Roasts & Chops)



Beef, Pork, Veal & Lamb (Ground)



Poultry

Turkey, Chicken & Duck (Whole, Pieces & Ground)

145°F

145°F

160°F

160°F

165°F

FOR A SAFE PLATE,

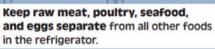
DON'T CROSS-CONTAMINATE

7 Tips to Keep Your Food Safe

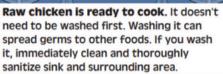














Use one cutting board or plate for raw meat, poultry, and seafood and a separate cutting board or plate for produce, bread, and other foods that won't be cooked.





Wash your utensils, cutting boards, and countertops with hot, soapy water after preparing raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs.







De Pere Health Department

Connect
With
Us!

Contact

- 920-339-4054
- deperehealth@deperewi.gov
 - www.deperewi.gov/olderadults
 - 335 S Broadway St, De Pere, WI 54115



Brain Game: Sudoku



According to UW Medicine, trying something new has brain benefits!

1				8				9
	5		6		1		2	
			5		3			
	9	6	1		4	8	3	
3				6				5
	1	5	9		8	4	6	
			7		5			
	8		3		9		7	
5				1				3

Sudoku Rules:

- Each row must contain the numbers 1-9 exactly once
- Each column must contain the numbers 1-9 exactly once
- Each 3×3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 exactly once