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EXCUSES, EXCUSES: WHY NOT EXERCISE?

IUKA, Miss.—We have excuses for being late to work, for not visiting the in-laws and for eating too much fast food. We're full of alibis when it comes to exercise, too. Here are the top excuses for not working out – busted.

Excuse: I can't afford to join a gym.

Busted! If you want to get fit on the cheap, get active at home. "There are a lot of fun cardio activities you can do outside, like running, cycling or even walking with a friend, the kids or your dog," says Emily Wadkins, director of the North Mississippi Medical Center-Iuka Wellness Center.

Excuse: I have no time to exercise.

Busted! "You don't need a lot of time," Wadkins says. "You can get health and fitness benefits from doing short, intense bursts of activity." Try doing 15 minutes of an aerobics video twice a day or hoisting dumbbells – or cans of corn – in between loads of laundry.

Excuse: I'm too tired.

Busted! Just get going and you'll be happy you did. "Exercise will actually give you more energy and make you feel better," Wadkins says. "If you lace up your running shoes and head outside, chances are you'll feel much more energetic after your workout. It doesn't really make sense, but you really do feel more energetic after exercise than before!"

Fitness experts at the Iuka Wellness Center can help you get past the excuses. Call (662) 423-1980 or visit www.nmhs.net/iuka_wellness.php.