

## Practices to reduce dementia risk [NB1] [NB2]

Reduce alcohol intake

Remain cognitively and socially active [NB3]

Eat a healthy diet [NB4]

Protect the head from injury (eg wear a helmet when cycling)

Prevent hearing loss (eg wear high-quality earplugs or ear muffs when exposed to loud noise) [NB5]

Regularly undertake physical activity [NB6]

Practice good sleep hygiene (see Box 8.33 in eTG complete)

Avoid or stop smoking and avoid second-hand smoke exposure

Maintain a healthy weight.

- NB1: For further information on reducing the risk of dementia, see the Dementia Australia website <a href="https://www.dementia.org.au/risk-reduction">https://www.dementia.org.au/risk-reduction</a>.
- NB2: Enjoyable practices that can be integrated into daily life are more likely to be maintained.
- NB3: At the time of writing, it is unknown if commercial computerised brain-training games and programs reduce dementia risk.
- NB4: For advice on a healthy diet, see the Eat For Health website <a href="https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/">https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/</a>.
- NB5: If hearing is impaired, use a hearing aid.
- NB6: For advice on physical activity, see *Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines and the Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines*, available at the Australian Government Department of Health website <a href="https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-publith-strateg-phys-act-guidelines">https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-publith-strateg-phys-act-guidelines</a>.