

FLORIDA TODAY CORPORATE 5K RUNNING & TRAINING PROGRAM



Easing into a running program gradually is the safest, most effective way to get started. The beginners' training program outlined is to help transform you to a runner, getting you running 3 miles (or 5K – 3.1 miles) on a regular basis in just 2 – 3 months. Also, be sure to check with your physician before starting any exercise program.

Each training session should take about 25 or 30 minutes, three to four times a week. Be sure to space out these workouts throughout the week to give yourself a chance to rest and recover between efforts. And don't worry about how fast you're going. Running faster can wait until your body adapts to the new stresses and your body is fitter. For now, focus on gradually increasing the time or distance you run. Again, if the program below is too aggressive, reduce the workout time or amount of jogging, or both. Also, if you feel you are ramping too quickly, stretch it out to 10 or 12 weeks.

Workout Routine:

Week 1	Walk 4 minutes, Jog 1 minute	5 times	25 minutes total
Week 2	Walk 3 minutes, Jog 2 minutes	5 times	25 minutes total
Week 3	Walk 2 minutes, Jog 3 minutes	6 times	30 minutes total
Week 4	Walk 1 minute, Jog 4 minutes	6 times	30 minutes total
Week 5	Walk 1 minute, Jog 5 minutes	5 times	30 minutes total
Week 6	Walk 1 minute, Jog 6 minutes	5 times	35 minutes total
Week 7	Walk 1 minute, Jog 7 minutes	4 times	32 minutes total
Week 8	Walk 1 minute, Jog 8 minutes	4 times	36 minutes total



FLORIDA TODAY CORPORATE 5K WALKING & TRAINING PROGRAM



Easing into a walking program gradually is the safest, most effective way to get started. The beginners' training program outlined is to help you start an active lifestyle by getting you walking 3 miles (or 5K – 3.1 miles) on a regular basis in just 2 – 3 months. Also, be sure to check with your physician before starting any exercise program.

Each training session should take about 25 or 40 minutes, three to four times a week. Be sure to space out these workouts throughout the week to give yourself a chance to rest and recover between efforts. And don't worry about how fast you're going. Consistency is the key to becoming fitter. For now, focus on gradually increasing the time or distance you walk. Again, if the program below is too aggressive, reduce the workout time or amount of walking, or both. Also, if you feel you are ramping too quickly, stretch it out to 10 or 12 weeks.

Workout Routine:

Week 1	Walk 10 minutes	3 days
Week 2	Walk 15 minutes	3 days
Week 3	Walk 20 minutes	4 days
Week 4	Walk 25 minutes	4 days
Week 5	Walk 30 minutes	4 days
Week 6	Walk 35 minutes	4 days+
Week 7	Walk 40 minutes	4 days+
Week 8	Walk 45 minutes	4 days+

