#### How To Reduce Irritation That Triggers Coughing

Cough is triggered when irritation builds to a certain level in your throat and airways

REDUCING IRRITATION WILL REDUCE COUGHING



#### How?



## HYDRAT

- Reduces dryness in the throat
- Drink at least 1.5 liters (6-8 glasses) of water per day
- Drink more if exercising, in hot weather or talking a lot



- Sit and stand with good posture to open your airway (straight neck and back, with chin slightly tucked in)
- Avoid a posture that puts pressure on your throat and vocal cords (e.g. slouching)
- Breathe through your nose to warm and moisten the air

# BREATHING





### **FALKING**

- Limit harmful voice use (e.g. shouting, screaming)
- Try not to speak over other noises
- Do not whisper
- Use your natural voice
- Limit coughing and throat-clearing
- ◆ Get plenty of sleep
- ◆ Exercise regularly
- ◆ Limit caffeine drinks to 2 cups / day
- Do not smoke and avoid smoky environments
- ◆ Limit alcohol consumption
- ◆ Do not use mouthwash containing alcohol

EVERYDAY



