

Important Notice: Scam Flyer Offering “Free Athletic Shoes”

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This is another Scam notice from VA. Please share.

Dear Veteran,

We want to make you aware of a flyer that is currently circulating which claims Veterans can receive free athletic shoes through the VA. While the flyer may look official and includes VA branding, this is not a legitimate Department of Veterans Affairs program and may be a scam. At this time, VA does not offer free athletic shoes through any program like the one described in the flyer. Please be cautious of any offers that ask you to sign up through outside websites, create external accounts, or redeem benefits through links that are not part of official VA systems. Legitimate VA-issued items, including medically necessary footwear or prosthetics, are:

- Ordered directly through your VA provider
- Managed within secure VA systems
- Never distributed through third-party links or outside accounts

If you have questions about footwear or believe you may need medically necessary items, we encourage you to speak directly with your VA provider or Prosthetics department.

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VA supports your health.
Every step matters.

GET FREE ATHLETIC SHOES FROM VA!



VA has partnered with leading brands to help Veterans stay active and healthy. You may be eligible to receive a pair of athletic shoes—**AT NO COST TO YOU!**

Run on clouds.



HOW TO GET YOUR FREE ATHLETIC SHOES

- 1 TALK TO YOUR VA PROVIDER**
Discuss your interest in athletic shoes with your VA provider to determine if you are eligible.
- 2 GET AN ORDER PLACED**
If eligible, your provider will place an order for your athletic shoes through the VA system.
- 3 RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM VA**
You'll receive an email from VA with a link to redeem your shoes online. Check your inbox (and spam/junk folder).
- 4 REDEEM YOUR SHOES**
Click the link, create your account, and choose your brand, size, and style. Shipping is included!
- 5 ENJOY YOUR NEW SHOES!**
Your shoes will be shipped directly to you. Get out there and keep moving!

ALL AVAILABLE BRANDS
(Choose from any of these)

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WHY ATHLETIC SHOES?

- ⊙ All-day comfort and support
- ⊙ Helps reduce impact on joints
- ⊙ Designed for performance and recovery
- ⊙ Great for walking, running, and everyday wear

This benefit is available to eligible Veterans as part of VA's commitment to whole health and overall well-being. Eligibility may vary. Talk to your VA provider for more information.

QUESTIONS?
Talk to your VA care team or call 1-800-698-2411
Visit va.gov/wholehealth for more resources.

Your safety and trust are important to us. Thank you for staying informed and helping protect yourself and others from potential scams.

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