

HEALTHY SLEEP HABITS

Improving your sleep with some positive lifestyle changes and consistent sleep habits



1 REGULAR SLEEP SCHEDULE

Try to maintain a consistent sleep pattern 7 days a week. Getting up at the same time every day can help.



2 RELAXING BEDTIME ROUTINE

Spend time before bed relaxing: read a book, meditate, stretch, do yoga, have a shower or bath. Avoid difficult conversations, activities or work.



3 AVOID STIMULANTS

Don't drink caffeine, sugary or energy drinks in the evening. Avoid nicotine before bed. Only drink alcohol in moderation at night, if at all.



4 GOOD SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Keep your bedroom clean, tidy and comfortable. Use a quality mattress and bedding. Keep the bedroom aired, and a temperature between 60-70 °F (17-21°C)



5 BLOCK OUT NOISE AND LIGHT

Make sure the bedroom is dark and quiet. Use blackout curtains or a sleep mask. Use earplugs, white noise, a fan or music to mask external noise.



6 ONLY SLEEP AND INTIMACY

Only use the bed for sleep and intimacy with a partner. Avoid watching TV or using other devices in bed. That will help associate the bed with sleep.



7 EXERCISE AND DAYLIGHT

Try to do regular exercise, but not too intense before bedtime. Spend time outside in the daylight. Even a short walk during the day can improve sleep.



8 EAT WELL

Try to eat a balance, healthy diet. Avoid heavy, fatty, fried or spicy food late in the evening if you get indigestion. Bananas, yogurt or healthy cereal are good bedtime snack.



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