

The Word on Wellness

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Do You Have Healthy Sleep Habits?



When you make it a habit to get good sleep, you're healthier and you feel better. See how many of these things you can do in the next 30 days.

- 1. Go to sleep and wake up at about the same times every day.**
- 2. Make your bedroom dark, quiet, and comfy.**
- 3. Try to get 7-8 hours of shut-eye per night.**
- 4. Don't eat a big meal close to your bedtime.**
- 5. Get up and read a book if you can't sleep.**
- 6. Take your computer and TV out of your bedroom.**
- 7. Put your smartphone in a drawer OR on Do Not Disturb, so the screen light doesn't keep you up.**
- 8. Try not to nap.**
- 9. Avoid caffeine at least 6 hours before bedtime.**
- 10. Exercise most days this week. Do it early in the day if you find that later workouts hamper your sleep.**
- 11. Start a sleep diary. Write down how well and how long you rest.**
- 12. Talk with your doctor about any sleep**

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