

# Sleep & Recovery

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## Create a Wind-Down Routine

**How to:** Set a consistent bedtime. Spend 30 minutes before bed doing relaxing activities like reading, stretching, or light journaling.

**Why it works:** Signals your body it's time to rest, making it easier to fall asleep and stay asleep.

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## Limit Screen Time Before Bed

**How to:** Avoid phones, computers, and TV for at least 30-60 minutes before bed.

**Why it works:** Reduces blue light exposure that interferes with your sleep hormone, melatonin.

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## Optimize Your Sleep Environment

**How to:** Keep your room cool, dark, and quiet. Use blackout curtains, a fan, or white noise if needed.

**Why it works:** A calm environment supports deeper, more restorative sleep.

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## Restorative Breaks During the Day

**How to:** Go to bed earlier or sleep in a bit on days before you expect a busy or stressful schedule.

**Why it works:** Extra rest in advance can help your body better handle upcoming demands.