

A BETTER MI **HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHECKLIST** Date



Breaking the Caffeine Habit

Reducing caffeine improves energy regulation and reduces dependency. Use this checklist to transition away from excessive caffeine intake.

Track Your Current Intake

- O Record how many cups of coffee, tea, or energy drinks you consume daily.
- O Tip: Keep a log in a journal or use a tracking app to identify patterns.

Gradually Reduce Intake

- O Cut back by half a cup or switch to lower-caffeine options like green tea.
- O Example: If you drink three cups daily, start by reducing to two and a half cups.

Switch to Decaf

- O Transition to decaffeinated versions of your favourite drinks to maintain the ritual without the caffeine.
- O Tip: Experiment with different brands to find the best taste for you.

Replace with Herbal Teas

- O Choose caffeine-free alternatives like chamomile, peppermint, or rooibos to satisfy your cravings.
- O Example: Make an evening ritual of sipping a soothing herbal tea to unwind.

Stay Hydrated

- O Drink water throughout the day to combat fatigue and prevent dehydration.
- O Tip: Infuse your water with lemon, cucumber, or mint for added flavour and refreshment.

Address Morning Habits

- O Replace your morning coffee ritual with a brisk walk or stretching routine.
- O Tip: Incorporate a nourishing breakfast to boost energy naturally.





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Avoid Caffeine After Lunch

- **O** Stop consuming caffeine after 2 PM to improve sleep quality and promote relaxation.
- O Example: Swap your afternoon coffee with a caffeine-free chai latte or sparkling water.

Boost Energy Naturally

- O Incorporate energising activities like deep breathing, light exercise, or a quick dance break.
- **O** Tip: Use sunlight exposure during the day to regulate your body's natural energy cycle.

Anticipate Withdrawal Symptoms

- **O** Be prepared for headaches or fatigue during the transition and stay consistent to overcome them.
- Tip: Rest more during the first week of reducing caffeine to support your body's adjustment.

Celebrate Progress

- O Reward yourself for milestones, such as a caffeine-free week or achieving your reduction goal.
- O Example: Treat yourself to a new mug or herbal tea blend to keep your motivation high.



