

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHECKLIST Date

11

## **Creating a Relaxing Bedtime Routine**

A calming bedtime routine promotes better sleep and overall wellness. Use this checklist to wind down effectively each night.

### Set a Consistent Sleep Schedule

- O Go to bed and wake up at the same time daily, even on weekends, to regulate your body clock.
- O Tip: Use an alarm for bedtime as a reminder to start winding down.

### Dim the Lights an Hour Before Bed

- O Create a calming atmosphere to signal your body that it's time to sleep by reducing brightness.
- O Tip: Use warm, dim lighting or candles to create a soothing environment.

### **Avoid Screens Before Bedtime**

- O Stop using phones, TVs, and computers at least 30-60 minutes before sleeping to reduce blue light exposure.
- Tip: Enable blue light filters or night mode on devices if screen use is unavoidable.

# **Incorporate Relaxation Techniques**

- O Practice meditation, deep breathing, or gentle yoga to calm your mind and body.
- O Example: Try the 4-7-8 breathing technique to relax your nervous system.

## **Read or Listen to Calming Audio**

- O Choose light reading material or soothing music to relax your mind and reduce stress.
- O Tip: Consider listening to audiobooks or guided meditations designed for sleep.

## **Prepare Your Sleep Environment**

- O Keep your room cool, dark, and quiet to optimise sleep quality.
- O Example: Use blackout curtains, a white noise machine, or a fan to block out distractions.



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHECKLIST

11

## Creating a Relaxing Bedtime Routine

### Limit Caffeine and Alcohol in the Evening

- O Avoid stimulating drinks or substances at least 4-6 hours before bedtime to prevent sleep disruptions.
- O Tip: Opt for herbal teas like chamomile or peppermint instead of coffee or alcohol.

### Take a Warm Bath or Shower

- O Relax your muscles and lower your core temperature for better sleep by taking a warm bath or shower.
- O Tip: Add calming bath salts or essential oils for an enhanced relaxation experience.

#### **Set Intentions for Tomorrow**

- O Write down a to-do list or reflect on goals to clear your mind and reduce bedtime anxiety.
- O Tip: Keep a notebook by your bed to jot down lingering thoughts or plans.

## **Use Aromatherapy**

- O Diffuse calming scents like lavender or chamomile in your bedroom to create a peaceful ambiance.
- Tip: Use a pillow spray with essential oils for additional relaxation benefits.

#### **Perform Gentle Stretches**

- O Loosen tension in your body with simple stretches before bed to promote relaxation.
- O Tip: Focus on stretches for your neck, shoulders, and lower back to release stored tension.



