How to sleep well

The checklist



Set a regular bedtime and stick to it, give or take half an hour

Exercise regularly during the day

Have the right amount of sunlight exposure each day. At least 30 minutes early in the day

Do not nap, especially after 3.00pm

Complete your homework earlier in the evening, so you can relax in the evening

Share your worries with someone you trust or keep a diary and write them down

Avoid stimulants such as tea, coffee, chocolate, late food, alcohol, drugs and soft drinks with high caffeine levels

Unwind in the evening by keeping the lights low

Have good curtains that keep your bedroom dark. Keep the temperature of your bedroom cool

Get your bedroom ready for bedtime. Tidy so it feels relaxing and make your bed so you're comfortable. Change your bed linen regularly and keep it fresh

Plan something relaxing before you go to bed - a nice warm bath is great

Avoid watching anything stimulating, scary or exciting before you ao to bed

Avoid using the phone, texting, playing computer games or watching TV or DVDs in bed or the hour before bedtime

Try not to clock watch in bed, if you're struggling getting to sleep, try a relaxation technique

If you must have sound in the background, play something soft and relaxing like natural sounds or gentle music

