Why Improving Your Sleep Helps Relieve Stress

sleepscore

Increased energy

When you sleep more, you have more energy! This helps you tackle your to-do list and keep from falling behind. Keeping on top of things helps you feel better about yourself and experience less stress. Having more energy means you can be more physically active, which reduces stress.

Better brain power

- With less sleep, you have fewer mental resources and it's harder to make decisions, which can make life feel overwhelming.
- Sleep also benefits impulse control, meaning you can resist that extra donut.

Better mood

Getting good sleep helps you to be in a good mood. You're less likely to be irritable and vulnerable to stress, making those tough days at the office or at home easier to handle.

Better health

Being well-rested boosts your immune system so you're less likely to get sick, and we all know how stressful it is to be sick!

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ANP Your Resolution The secret ingredient to help you achieve your resolutions this year

RESOLUTION SUCCESS

Every year we make resolutions to improve ourselves, from losing weight to getting in shape to reducing stress or eating better. SleepScore statistics show that one major reason keeps us from succeeding and it's something we can do something about – getting better sleep.

Compared to people with normal weight, people with obesity show **17 to 22 minutes decrease in total sleep time**. That's a lot in sleep terms!

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People between 40 - 60 are getting the least amount of sleep. **This age group could be at the highest risk** for not succeeding with resolution goals.

Here's why:

People that reported to have **5 drinks or more**, are on average, awake **20 minutes more** at night.

Exercise is **positively related** to amount of sleep during the week.

On average, people who sleep in a room with a temperature **65 degrees or lower sleep almost 30 minutes longer** than those in a room with a temperature of 77 degrees or higher.

SUCCESS WITH SLEEP

