

😴 SLEEP SMARTER

Your Personalized Sleep Blueprint

Science-backed recommendations tailored to your unique sleep profile

😓 The Stress-Affected

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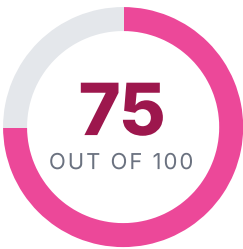
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"Defuse the stress. Reclaim the night."

Your Sleep Health Score

Based on your sleep assessment and calculator results



You're close to optimal — small adjustments will make a real difference


Schedule	<div></div>	60
Quality	<div></div>	40
Lifestyle	<div></div>	45
Environment	<div></div>	65



The Stress-Affected

Defuse the stress. Reclaim the night.

Chronic stress and anxiety are your primary sleep disruptors. High cortisol levels, work-life boundary issues, and an activated nervous system are preventing the deep relaxation needed for quality sleep.

 **Root Cause:** Elevated cortisol from chronic stress flattens your natural cortisol curve — instead of dropping in the evening, it stays elevated. This directly suppresses melatonin and keeps your sympathetic ("fight or flight") nervous system engaged at bedtime.



Your Strength

Your high drive and intensity are assets during the day. The practices below aren't about becoming less ambitious — they're about creating a deliberate transition between "performance mode" and "recovery mode."



Your Custom Sleep Schedule

Based on your target wake up time of 7:00 AM, aligned with 90-minute sleep cycles

★ OPTIMAL

9:30 PM

6 cycles · 9 hours

Use this for best results — aligns perfectly with your sleep cycles

✓ GOOD

11:00 PM

5 cycles · 7.5 hours

Good alternative when your schedule is tight

⚠ MINIMUM

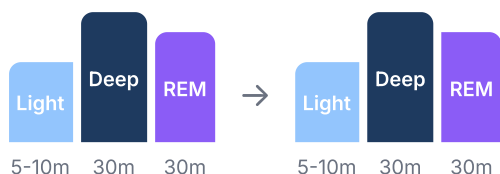
12:30 AM

4 cycles · 6 hours

Occasional use only — not enough for full recovery

Why These Times Work

Sleep occurs in ~90-minute cycles, each containing light sleep, deep sleep, and REM sleep. Waking **between** cycles (not during one) is what makes you feel refreshed vs. groggy.



Each complete cycle ≈ 90 minutes · Deep sleep peaks in cycles 1-3 · REM peaks in later cycles



Pro Tip

Set a "bedtime alarm" 30 minutes before your target sleep time. This reminder becomes your wind-down signal. After a week, your body will start getting naturally sleepy at this time.

If You Miss Your Target

Don't stress. Use the next cycle-aligned time (90 minutes later) rather than an arbitrary time. And **always** keep your wake time consistent — it's more important than bedtime.


Tonight's Quick Wins


Personalized for The Stress-Affected — do these today for immediate improvement

Work Shutdown Ritual


 3+ hours before bed

- Choose a specific time to stop all work (not "when I'm done")
- Write tomorrow's top 3 priorities (closure for your brain)
- Say out loud: "Shutdown complete" (sounds silly, works incredibly well)
- No work email, Slack, or tasks after this point


 **The Science:** Cal Newport's "shutdown ritual" research shows that a deliberate work endpoint reduces evening rumination by 40%+ and improves next-day performance.


 **Expected Impact:** Creates psychological distance between work and rest

Physiological Sigh

 Whenever stressed + at bedtime

- Double inhale through nose (one long + one short "top-up" breath)
- Long slow exhale through mouth (twice as long as the inhale)
- Repeat 3-5 times
- This is the fastest known way to reduce physiological arousal


 **The Science:** Stanford's Andrew Huberman lab found the physiological sigh reduces stress markers faster than any other breathing technique — including meditation.

 **Expected Impact:** Measurable cortisol reduction in 60-90 seconds

Evening Parasympathetic Activation

 60 minutes before bed

- Legs-up-the-wall pose (5 minutes)
- Slow body scan meditation (10 minutes)
- Warm herbal tea ritual (chamomile or magnesium-infused)
- Dim all lights to 20% brightness

 **The Science:** These activities specifically activate the vagus nerve, shifting your nervous system from sympathetic (fight/flight) to parasympathetic (rest/digest).



Expected Impact: Switches nervous system state within 15-20 minutes



Your 7-Day Sleep Reset Protocol

Each day builds on the last — follow in order for best results

D1

Anchor Wake Time

Consistent wake time is non-negotiable, even after a bad night. Trust the process.

🔧 Success Metric: Wake time locked in

D2

Work Shutdown

Pick a hard stop time for work. Complete the shutdown ritual. Zero exceptions.

🔧 Success Metric: Clean work/rest boundary

D3

Breathing Practice

Practice physiological sighs 3x today: morning, afternoon, and bedtime.

🔧 Success Metric: Stress response awareness

D4

Physical Release

Add 15-minute evening stretching or yoga. Focus on hip flexors, shoulders, jaw.

🔧 Success Metric: Physical tension reduced

D5

Worry Time + Journal

Scheduled 15-min worry time at 6 PM. Brain dump journal at 8 PM.

🔧 Success Metric: Contained worry practice

D6

Caffeine & Stimulant Audit

No caffeine after noon. Track anxiety-to-caffeine correlation.

🔧 Success Metric: Reduced afternoon cortisol

D7

Self-Compassion Day

Let go of perfectionism about sleep. Note progress, not perfection.

🔧 Success Metric: Reduced sleep performance anxiety

⚠️ Important

Don't try to be perfect. Doing 70% consistently beats doing 100% for two days then quitting. Each change compounds — even small improvements add up to a major transformation.



Recommended Sleep Tools

Selected specifically for The Stress-Affected challenges

HIGH PRIORITY

Magnesium Glycinate (200-400mg)
The "relaxation mineral" — most people are deficient, and it directly reduces cortisol and muscle tension

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Weighted Blanket (15-20 lbs)
Deep pressure stimulation activates parasympathetic nervous system, reducing cortisol by 31%

MEDIUM PRIORITY

CoolRest™ Comforter
Stress-related night sweats are common; cooling bedding prevents temperature-triggered awakenings
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MEDIUM PRIORITY

Guided Meditation App (Calm/Headspace)
Sleep Stories and body scans give your mind a structured pathway to sleep



What to Avoid

Common mistakes for your sleep profile — steer clear of these

- ✗ Work email/Slack after shutdown time
- ✗ Alcohol as a sleep aid (fragments sleep cycles)
- ✗ Intense exercise within 3 hours of bed
- ✗ Discussing stressful topics before bedtime



Your Week 1 Sleep Tracker

Print this page and track your progress

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Bedtime	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__
Wake Time	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__	__:__
Sleep Latency	__ min	__ min	__ min	__ min	__ min	__ min	__ min
Awakenings	__x	__x	__x	__x	__x	__x	__x
Energy (1-5)	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆

Protocol ✓



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