# **Emotional Wellness Tips**

How you feel can affect your ability to carry out everyday activities, your relationships and your overall mental health. It is important to be mindful of your emotional wellness in order to handle life's stresses and adapt to difficult times.

Here are a few tips on how you can improve your emotional wellness.

# **Brighten** Your Outlook:

People who are emotionally healthy are more resilient, meaning that they are able to bounce back from difficulties faster. To strengthen your emotional wellness, remember your good deeds and give yourself credit for them. Forgive yourself for mistakes and try not to dwell on what went wrong. With self-affirmation, you will be more equipped to deal with negativity.



## Get Sleep:

When dealing with a busy schedule, we often sacrifice sleep. But sleep is necessary for your mental and physical wellbeing, so it's important not to neglect it. Sleep helps you think more clearly, improves your reflexes and helps you maintain better focus. Establish a sleep schedule to give your body consistency, and when you sleep, do so in a dark, quiet environment so you can sleep more restfully.

Be Mindful:



# Reduce Stress:

Everyone feels stressed from time to time, but if stress becomes chronic, it can be harmful. To help deal with stress, remember to get a good amount of sleep, exercise regularly and try relaxation methods such as mindfulness and meditation.



## Strengthen Social Connections:

Social connections are essential to maintaining positive mental health—and they could be to your physical health too. Research is finding that there are links to social interaction and bodily health. Whether with romantic partners, family, friends or others, social connections can influence the chemicals that control our feelings and functions. Join a group or club that interests you so that you can foster new relationships and positively impact your physical and mental state.



Becoming a more mindful person requires commitment and practice. Being mindful can include meditative breath exercises, long strolls and simply taking the time to clear your head. Find mindfulness resources in your local community, including yoga and meditation classes, mindfulness-based stress reduction programs, and books.

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