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Tips to Avoid Overeating During the New Normal

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Vereating/ Binge Eating

characterized by recurrent episodes of eating large quantities of food (often very quickly and to the point of discomfort)

Being stuck at home can lead to some unhealthy nutrition behaviors, including binge and over-eating due to stress and boredom





no. 1

Keep a food diary that will indicate a tendency to binge or over-eat.

- Find the reason/triggers- one of the most effective ways to avoid over-eating is checking why it is happening in the first place.
 Determine whether you are eating because of hunger or because of stress and boredom.
- Keep a record of what you eat, and find out why you are eating too much



Avoid keeping tempting foods.

 Having tempting foods within eyesight can lead to frequent snacking and overeating, even when not hungry.

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Visual exposure to high calorie foods stimulates a part of the brain that modulates impulse control, which may lead to increased cravings and overeating
Best to keep tempting foods like sugary baked products, candy, chocolates and chips out of sight



Maintain a healthy meal schedule.

- Do not change the normal eating schedule just because you are stuck at home.
- If you have three meals a day, continue that schedule even while working from home.

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- Maintain a regular eating pattern based on individual needs and preferred eating time.
- If you find yourself constantly snacking, make a schedule that includes three solid meals daily and follow it until such becomes a habit.



NO. 4 Do not deprive your body of food.

- Food restriction slows down metabolism
- and disrupts blood sugar control
 Oftentimes, being overly restrictive with food intake or consuming too few calories can lead to binge and over eating.



NO. 5 Prepare home-cooked meals.

- Planning meals a few days ahead can help you manage time and to think of more healthy and nutritious recipes.
- Fruits and vegetables intake greatly increases when preparing home-cooked meals.
- Not having the option to opt for delivery or eat at restaurants makes one cook more meals at home
- Eat a variety of foods every day to get all the necessary nutrients that your body needs.



Consequences of Binge Eating

- Develop health risk associated with clinical obesity
- Increased risk of developing noncommunicable diseases
- Shows extreme concern with body weight and shape with feeling of low selfesteem
- Frequent checking in the mirror for perceived flaws in appearance and suffer from weight stigma
- Fluctuations in weight or weight cycling (aka, yo-yo dieting) Disruption in normal eating behaviors





Eating a healthy balanced diet and keeping an active life will help us maintain a healthy weight and prevent illness.



