

Tips For Avoiding The Walk To The Fridge

Nutrition related ways to decrease mindless eating

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- Stock up on smart snacks/foods
 - High protein/healthy fats/fiber
 - Veggies/ and hummus or peanut butter
 - Fruit especially if craving something sweet
- Avoid "snaccidents" by putting snacks out of reach/out of sight
- Meal Planning/prepping in advance with items on hand
 - "Pack your lunch" when working from home and plan your meals and snacks in advance
 - Portion things out so you're more conscious of what is being eaten: smaller packaging or pre-portioned snacks
 - Food log: keeps track of the items you already ate and keeps portion sizes in check
- Cooking Apps using ingredients on hand:
 - SuperCook
 - AllRecipes
 - Dinner Spinner
 - BigOven
 - Epicurious
 - Cookpad
- Eating adequate well-balanced meals will prevent the desire to snack more
- Eat slowly: allows your body to feel satiated and enjoy your food more

- Small frequent meals throughout the day: instead of 3 large meals
- Visual reminders of foods and drinks you consume to be mindful of how much you're consuming
 - i.e.Use smaller plates and taller glasses
- Eat according to your inner clock
- Undistracted eating
- Beware of "Health foods"
- Indulge once in a while to avoid overdoing it: 80/20 rule
- Stay hydrated
- Preventing excessive night snacking?
 Brush your teeth!
- Combat the underlying cause