Eating 9 to 5!



Is workplace stress eating away at you? Don't feed your feelings with food!

If you reach for a sweet treat when you're stressed at work, you're not alone. Studies show that stress increases the desire to eat for some people. High-fat, sugary snacks are common comfort foods chosen to cope with stress.

The next time you're stressed at work and craving a treat, ask yourself: am I hungry? If the craving comes from stress rather than hunger, food won't satisfy it. If eating to deal with stress becomes a habit, it could be bad for your waistline.

Don't let food be your comfort.



No time to pack lunch? Navigate the food court or cafeteria with dietitian-approved tips.

I spy with my little eye something that is healthier:

- Want salad satisfaction? Choose dark leafy greens, colourful veggies, protein-packed legumes (beans, peas and lentils) and whole grains such as barley or quinoa. Drizzle dressing lightly.
- Love pizza? Get a thin whole grain crust, load on the veggie toppings, stick to a single layer of cheese and steer clear of salty, high-fat meats.
- Craving a sandwich? Choose whole grain bread. Double up on veggies. Skip deli meats – go grilled instead. Get spreads on the side and use just a little.
- Satisfied by stir-fries? Ask for extra veggies and less sauce with your chicken, tofu or shrimp stir-fry. Choose brown rice instead of white.



















Midday slump setting in? No need for caffeine! Get back up with energy-boosting habits.

Try these three healthy habits to help yourself skip the slump:

- **1.** Move it! Stand up during phone calls, walk to deliver messages instead of emailing, or do a few stretches at your desk.
- 2. Grab a small snack. If you're hungry, have a snack with carbs to fuel your brain and protein for longer-lasting energy. Dip carrot sticks in nut butter, or enjoy cottage cheese with fruit.
- 3. Drink water. Staying hydrated helps you avoid that sleepy feeling. Add cucumber, lemon and mint to perk up your cup. Replenish often so you can keep on sipping before a slump sets in.

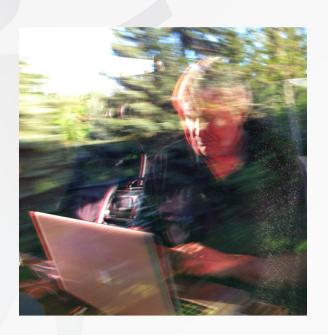
For packable snack ideas to power your afternoon, visit Cookspiration.



Long commute? Before you head home, grab a drink to wet your whistle.

Staying hydrated helps us feel refreshed and fight fatigue. Here are a few super sips to pack ahead or pick up while waiting for transit:

- Water. Plain or fizzy, it's Mother Nature's elixir! Bring a reusable bottle to work daily and refill it with fresh water before you leave.
- Latte. Frothy and filled with nutrient-rich, hydrating milk. Go plain and low fat, without sugary syrups or whipped cream. Try decaf to cut the caffeine.
- Tea. Ask for green, black or herbal tea. Skip the sugar; enjoy the taste of the tea itself.



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