# Health Information Autumn & Winter issue "Sleep Recommendations".

## Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the Health Service Center!

Sleep quality is essential for us to lead a fulfilling life. If you can get the best sleep for yourself, your performance during activities will improve. Get a good night's sleep and lead a fulfilling life.

Do you have any of these symptoms?	
☐ Takes you a long time to fall asleep after getting into bed	t
☐ You feel that you do not get enough sleep	

□ Dissatisfied with the overall quality of your sleep

☐ Temporary cessation of breathing or snoring while sleeping

☐ Feeling depressed

 $\square$  Feels like your performance during the day is declining.

☐ Sleepiness occurs during the day or suddenly become drowsy.

#### Try our tips for a good night's sleep!

## **Morning**

Get some sun after you wake up.

Do not sleep in on holidays.

Spend time in the sun.

Breakfast is the start of the day; eat all three meals at the same set times!

## Afternoon

If you are sleepy, take a 20-30 minutes nap

Start with 10 minutes! Start walking or jogging.

Avoid caffeine in the evenings or later.

## Evening

Stop drinking alcohol to sleep.

Don't watch TV or cell phones before going to bed.

Go to bed after you feel sleepy.

#### **Q&A** about Sleep

### Q1\_Do you gain weight if you don't sleep?

A1\_Yes. When you sleep less, leptin secretion decreases, making it harder to suppress your appetite. It also increases ghrelin secretion and stimulates appetite.

### Q2\_Will weekend catch-up sleep fix sleep deprivation?

A2\_No. Catch-up sleep can cause a disruption of the body's internal clock and lead to jet lag. It has been reported that adults who sleep about 7 hours have the lowest health risk.

If you are still unable to sleep after adjusting your lifestyle, consult your health care provider.

Reference: "Sleep Guide for Health Promotion 2023".https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/001254003.pdf