

### **Top 10 Tips for Working from Home**

It's not always as easy as it looks to work from home and get it right.

Here's some practical ideas that'll help. Make sure you check out all of them, particularly 9 & 10, they're really important.



# # 1 Set up a dedicated workspace

- Find a space to work that works for you and set up 'the office'
- It's a mental thing it'll help you 'go to work' and then leave at the end of the day
- Doesn't matter where the space is as long as it suits your situation and is dedicated to your work



# A dedicated space really helps to be productive and focused

It's about staying positive and feeling in control.

'I can work wherever I want at home' doesn't work so well!







#### # 2 Set a morning routine

- Set the alarm and get up at the same time each day
- Define a morning routine and stick to it, it sets you up to be productive for the day
- Get dressed and ready to 'go to work' at a set time
- Set your working hours and stick to them. It's a mind thing you're at work even though your working at home



## Get ready for the day and 'go to work'

Get dressed – it creates a positive mind set and puts you in work mode

This 'look' might feel like freedom but it's unproductive and negative







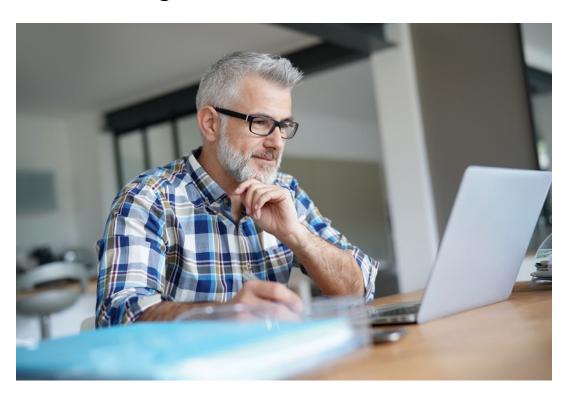
#### #3 Work versus home

- Define your working hours and stick to them.
- Shut down the computer and knock off at a set time 'go home.'
- Don't be tempted to work longer hours just because you're at home.
- Set expectations with family & friends about what you're doing – you're working during these hours and focussing on them after hours.
- It's about communicating with those at home so they understand you're working and what to expect.



#### Work versus home time

Work at the right time and focus on other things after hours



Be present with friends and family after 'work' and everyone is happier





#### # 4 Schedule Your Time

- Decide what needs to be done and focus on that.
- Resist the temptation to watch TV, check the socials or laze around because you're at home and have the freedom to work when you want.
- Create a 'to do' list and work through it – the hard stuff and all.
- Make a daily schedule, it will help enormously on achieving results.



#### Managing work at home takes effort

Work to a plan = Positive Output



**Badly organised time = STRESS** 





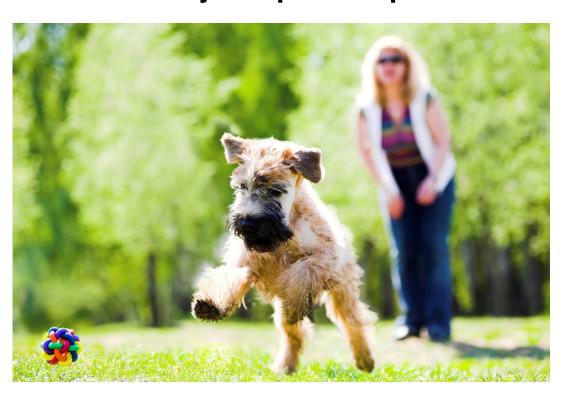
#### # 5 Take Breaks

- Set actual times to take a break and schedule them into your day and calendar.
- It sounds logical but seems harder to do when working at home.
- Leave your workspace during breaks - take a walk, get outside and talk to someone or do something you enjoy.



# Taking scheduled breaks pays off

Taking regular breaks clears the head & sets you up to be productive



Working without breaks doesn't mean productivity - it means stress





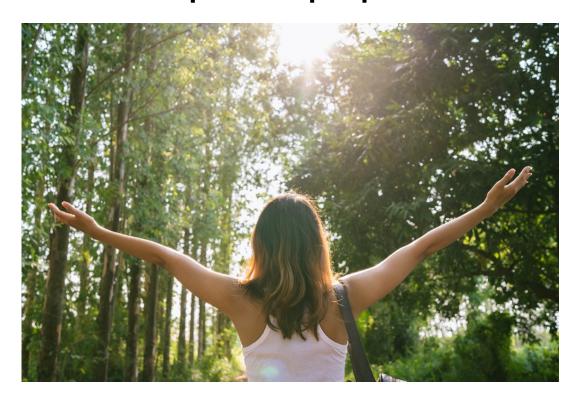
# # 6 Limit the News Frenzy

- Try to limit the overwhelming amount of news bombarding us all the time, it causes unnecessary stress and concern.
- Check the latest bulletins at the end of the day rather than through the day with constant updates.
- That also goes for social media.
   It's hard to remain positive with the constant hype around at the moment so keep it limited during the day.



#### News, news and MORE news!

# Keep a positive mindset & keep in touch with positive people



## Constant bad news is overwhelming to our brain and mindset





# #7 Eat Properly

- Sounds obvious doesn't it, but eating well when working from home means planning.
- Resist the urge to browse out of the pantry all day – your brain and waistline will thank you.
- Take a proper lunch break and eat at regular times.
- Eating well helps set up a positive outlook for everything you plan on doing.



#### Support our industry and eat fresh

It goes without saying but Fresh really IS Best



This isn't what working from home food is meant to be





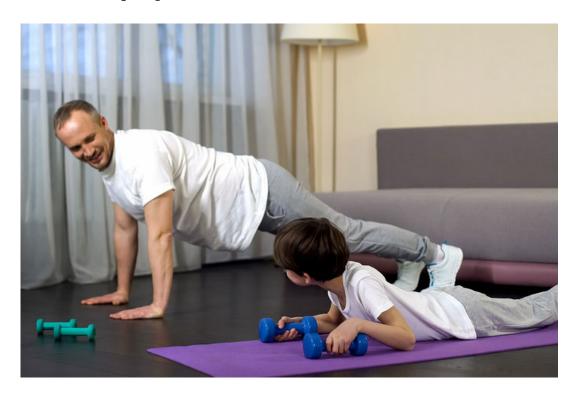
# #8 Get Regular Exercise

- Get regular daily exercise particularly while we're all stuck at home.
- Challenge the kids, significant other or work colleague to workout.
- Join a virtual exercise group, learn to skip (LOL) lift weights (load up bags with canned food and lift those), bike ride, walk the dog....
- There's endless ways to get much needed exercise when working from home



## Staying healthy in body and mind

How about a workout circuit at home and equipment isn't needed



Meaning to exercise doesn't count, you do actually need to do it





#### #9 Buddy Up

Really important

- Communicate with each other every day to make sure everyone is OK.
- Set up a work buddy and check in with them on Teams so you can see their face.
- Share your 'to do' lists with your buddy – you'll be surprised how that makes the list easier to deal with and keeps you motivated.



#### Talk to each other regularly

We're all here to support and help each other – talk to each other



It's not hard to keep in touch and technology has come a LONG way!



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#### #10 Stay Connected

Really important

- Keep in touch with your team every day.
- We've got lots of options to keep connected so use the technology and pick up the phone, video or whatever we choose.
- Let your team know if you're struggling – don't try to tough it out on your own.
- We're a team we'll get through this time together if we rely on each other.



### Stay connected every day

Even if we can't visit clients we can still connect with them



It's so important that we remain connected with each other every day







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