

Practical ways to manage DOOMSCROLLING

It's normal to feel down from time to time when we come across bad news, but constant exposure to negative online content could negatively affect our mental health.

'Doomscrolling' is a relatively new term used to describe the impact of consuming large amounts of upsetting news online.

If you're looking for ways to spend less time doomscrolling, here are some suggestions that might help.



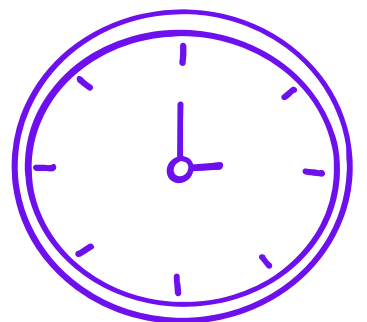
Turn off 'push' notifications

Turning off instant alerts for social media or news apps can give you a break from anxiety-provoking information.



Set a time limit

Setting a time limit on your scrolling can help, as long as you stick to it. Find something that gives you a gentle signal that it's time to put the phone down.



Consider phone-free zones

You're allowed to have quality time that isn't interrupted by notifications every few minutes.



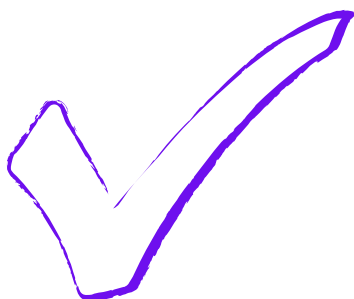
Use a watch or an alarm clock

If you often doomscroll in bed, it may be because your phone doubles as your alarm clock. Switching to using a watch or a physical alarm clock may help.



Manage your social media feeds

You could make changes to what appears on your feed by blocking or hiding certain profiles, allowing you to limit the negative content you are exposed to.



Balance the negative with a positive

Mindfulness, reading, spending time with others, and exercising are all great self-care activities that can benefit your wellbeing.

