## Sleep!



## How Much Sleep Do Teens Need?



## Teens need 8 to 9 hours of sleep every night!

## Sleep Facts

- Sleep is as important as the air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat.
- Sleep patterns shift during the teenage years.
- You can't get caught up on sleep by getting more during the weekends.



## What Happens with Too Little Sleep?

- Harder to learn and remember
- Skin problems
- Get angry more easily

- Weight gain
- Get sick more often
- More car accidents.
- Depression
- Serious health problems


## What Happens During Sleep?

- Healing of your body mentally and physically
- Growth hormone is released
- Memories are fixed
- Dreaming
- Different sleep stages



## How to Get More Sleep

- Make sleep a priority.
- Don't nap too long or near bedtime.
- Make your room cool, quiet and dark. Let in bright light in the morning to wake up.
- Try keeping a diary or todo lists.
- Keep a routine that teaches your body the signals that it's time for bed.



## How to Get More Sleep

- Establish a bed and waketime and stick to it, coming as close as you can on the weekends.
- Don't eat, drink, or exercise within a few hours of your bedtime.
- Don't leave your homework for the last minute.
- No pills, vitamins or drinks can replace good sleep.
- Try to avoid the TV, computer and telephone in the hour before you go to bed.


