

The Calm Start Cheat Sheet

Five things to do on a hard day, the coffee order that works, and what to do at 3 AM. Stick it on the fridge.

The minimum effective day

- 5 min of morning daylight ☐
- 25–35 g protein at breakfast ☐
- 10-min walk after one meal ☐
- Caffeine stops by 2 PM ☐
- 5-min brain dump before bed ☐

The calm coffee order

- Water first ☐
- Daylight ☐
- Protein ☐
- Then coffee ☐
- Cutoff: 2 PM ☐

If you wake at 3 AM

- Don't check the time or phone ☐
- Slow exhales for 5 minutes ☐
- Awake after ~20 min? Get up, dim light, read ☐
- Back to bed when sleepy ☐

The morning after a rough day

- No punishment workout ☐
- Water + protein breakfast ☐
- 10-minute walk ☐
- Normal meals — no skipping ☐
- Evening shutdown tonight ☐

Your body isn't asking for punishment. It's asking for a safer signal, repeated daily.

Want the full 21-day plan?

The Cortisol Re-Alignment System walks you through three phases day by day, with a meal system, sleep reset, workout swaps, and 21 days of trackers. cortisolhero.xyz