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- 1. Prioritize sleep Get as much sleep as you can, ideally eight hours.
- 2. Consistent routine Keep your routine consistent even on days off.
- 3. **Prepare your sleep environment** Make you room cool, dark and quiet. Remind loved ones not to disturb you while you are sleeping and turn off your cell phone.
- 4. **Strategic caffeine use** Caffeine can give you a temporary boost in energy but try to avoid it within 5 8 hours of bedtime as it may impact your sleep.
- 5. **Take a rest** If the chance presents itself while on duty take a 15 20 minute rest (but no more than 20 minutes or you will find yourself more tired).
- 6. **Physical activity** During your shift get up and walk around when you can (i.e. truck inspection while waiting in line to get loaded or unloaded.)
- 7. **Bright light** Getting exposure to bright light can help make your body more alert. Spend an few extra minutes in the scale shack or turn on the cab light while stopped/waiting to keep your self alert.
- 8. Optimize your sleep opportunity.
 - 5 hours before bed: no more caffeine
 - 3 hours before bed: limit strenuous activities
 - 3 hours before bed: finish eating
 - 2 hours before bed: limit fluid intake
 - 1 hour before bed: turn off electronic devices and dim your lights



