



# SUSTAINING WEIGHT LOSS: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE

**Do you want to...**

Break free from yo-yo dieting?  
Maintain weight loss consistently  
throughout the year?

What if I said you can take control of your journey  
and transform your life with lasting wellness?

Let me teach you how it works...

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Hi I'm Marc and I wanted to create this e-book to share with you my knowledge and skills learnt during my weight-loss journey.

This free e-book is packed with coaching tips, techniques and strategies that I learned after years of battling with being overweight. I will share them all with you to save you the struggles I went through.

Using these tools will help you achieve sustainable weight loss success.

By implementing the strategies and activities outlined in this guide, you'll develop healthy habits, transform your mindset, and maintain a healthy weight long-term and never yo-yo diet again!

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# UNDERSTANDING YO-YO DIETING

One of the main reasons people resort to yo-yo dieting is the pursuit of quick results. They may come across fad diets or extreme weight loss plans that promise rapid weight loss in a short period. Unfortunately, these diets often restrict calories excessively or eliminate entire food groups, making them difficult to sustain for extended periods, leaving you feeling deprived of certain foods. Consequently, people may lose weight initially, but this rapid weight loss is often not sustainable in the long run.

This is not favorable for long-term weight loss because it can lead to several negative effects on the body and mind. It can put stress on your body, cause your metabolism to slow down, making it harder to lose weight in the future. Also creates an unhealthy relationship with food, and negatively impact mental health, causing feelings of disappointment and decreased self-esteem. Instead of focusing on temporary fixes, it is important to adopt sustainable, balanced eating habits and engage in regular physical activity for long-term weight management and overall well-being.



# MINDSET TRANSFORMATION

**Developing a Positive Mindset:** Practice gratitude: Write down three things that you're grateful for each day, fostering a positive outlook.

**Positive affirmations:** Use of self-talk and affirmations to counter negative thoughts and beliefs.

**Surround yourself with positivity:** Engage with uplifting social media content, motivational books, podcasts.

**Setting Realistic and Sustainable Goals:** Using the SMART framework: Create goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. This ensures clarity and keeps goals attainable.

**Break goals into smaller milestones:** Break big goals into smaller, manageable steps to enhance motivation and track progress.

**Focus on behavior changes:** Shift the focus from solely outcome-based goals to behavior changes, such as increasing physical activity or consuming more whole foods.

**Embracing Self-Compassion and Self-Care:** Practice self-compassion: Take time to be kind and understanding towards yourself, by acknowledging that setbacks and challenges are part of the journey. Do not give up if you have one bad day, accept it, learn from it and start again.

**Prioritise self-care:** Remind yourself to take time for activities you enjoy, such as engaging in hobbies, practicing relaxation techniques, or seeking support from loved ones or professionals.

**Celebrate non-scale victories:** Acknowledge and celebrate achievements beyond the number on the scale, like improved energy levels or fitting into smaller clothing sizes.

By implementing these techniques, you can gradually develop a positive mindset, set realistic goals, and foster self-compassion and self-care, which are essential for sustainable weight loss success.

A woman with long, curly hair is captured mid-jump, her arms raised high in a 'V' shape. She is wearing a dark long-sleeved top, light-colored jeans, and white sneakers. The background is a soft-focus landscape featuring a body of water, distant mountains, and a clear sky. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent white rounded rectangle containing text and a quote icon.

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The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.

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## **NUTRITION GUIDANCE**

Create and maintain a balanced diet, paying attention to portion control and mindful eating.

Keep a daily food journal to track eating habits. Record what you eat, portion sizes, hunger levels, and any emotions or triggers associated with food choices. This will help raise awareness of eating patterns and identify areas for improvement.

According to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, individuals who kept daily food records lost twice as much weight as those who didn't track their food intake.

## REDUCE HEALTH RISKS

The National Institute of Health states that regular physical activity can not only assist in weight loss but also reduce the risk of various chronic diseases, including heart disease and diabetes.



## DO MORE OF WHAT YOU ENJOY

Like swimming? Then swim! Finding activities that you enjoy will make it much easier to motivate you to keep going

## SUPPORT NETWORK

For extra accountability, build a support network. Like a gym buddy and encouragement from family and friends







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Don't wait for the perfect  
moment. Take the moment  
and make it perfect.

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# STRESS MANAGEMENT

There is a connection between stress and weight gain. Stress can lead to increased cortisol levels, which can promote weight gain, especially around the tummy area. Additionally, stress often triggers emotional eating or craving unhealthy foods.

**Deep breathing exercises:** Deep belly breathing techniques to activate the relaxation response and reduce stress levels.

**Physical activity:** Regular exercise helps release endorphins, known as "feel-good" hormones, reducing stress and promoting overall well-being.

**Mindfulness and meditation:** Guide clients through mindfulness exercises, such as body scans or guided meditation, to help them stay present and alleviate stress.

**Time management:** Prioritise and organize tasks effectively, promoting a sense of control and reducing stress.

**Relaxation and Self-Care Practices:** Relaxation and self-care practices into your routine:

**Adequate sleep:** Prioritise sleep as it plays a vital role in managing stress and weight.



# BUILDING HEALTHY HABITS

1. Start small and focus on making achievable changes.
2. Set specific and measurable goals.
3. Create a plan of action and consider potential obstacles.
4. Be consistent in practicing the habit.
5. Seek accountability and support from friends or a community.
6. Track your progress using a journal or habit tracker.
7. Celebrate milestones and reward yourself for achievements.
8. Stay adaptable and make adjustments when needed.
9. Remember why you are doing it.
10. Practice patience and focus on progress, not perfection.

**HELPFUL  
TIPS**



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Success is not final, failure is  
not fatal: It is the courage to  
continue that counts. -  
Winston Churchill

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# STRATEGIES FOR FOR LONG TERM RESULTS

1. **Set Realistic and Sustainable Goals:** Avoid setting unrealistic expectations or following restrictive diets. Instead, focus on making gradual, sustainable changes that you can maintain over the long term.

2. **Adopt a Whole-Body Approach:** Shift your focus from solely weight loss to overall well-being. Incorporate strategies for improving mental health, managing stress, getting quality sleep, and promoting physical fitness.

3. **Build Healthy Habits:** Replace unhealthy habits with healthier ones. Consistency is key, so focus on small, consistent changes that eventually become automatic behaviors.

4. **Practice Portion Control and Mindful Eating:** Pay attention to your body's hunger and fullness cues. Eat slowly and mindfully, savoring each bite, and avoid mindless snacking or emotional eating.

5. **Regular Physical Activity:** Find activities you enjoy and make them a regular part of your routine. Aim for a combination of cardiovascular exercise, strength training, and flexibility exercises to promote overall fitness.

6. **Seek Support and Accountability:** Engage with a support system, such as a friend, family member, or a weight loss group. Sharing your journey, progress, and challenges with others can provide motivation and accountability.

7. **Celebrate Non-Scale Victories:** Don't solely rely on the scale for measuring progress. Celebrate other achievements like increased energy levels, improved sleep, or fitting into smaller clothing sizes.

8. **Practice Self-Compassion:** Be kind to yourself and cultivate self-compassion. Embrace self-care practices, forgive setbacks, and view slip-ups as opportunities for learning and growth rather than a reason to give up.

9. **Track and Adjust:** Keep track of your progress using measurements, body composition analysis, or progress photos. Regularly assess your strategies and make necessary adjustments to keep progressing towards your goals.

10. **Long-Term Mindset:** Shift your perspective to see weight loss as a lifelong journey rather than a quick fix. Embrace the idea of sustainable changes and commit to a healthy lifestyle for the long term.



# BOOK YOUR DISCOVERY CALL NOW

I hope you've found this E-book useful and that it will help you achieve your weigh-loss goals. If you would like to discuss the benefits of working with me one to one to give you that extra expertise and support along the process, get in touch today!

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