

# ED Checklist:

## Watch Out for These Bad Habits!

### BAD HABITS



**Smoking**

Smoking damages blood vessels and reduces blood flow to the penis, leading to erectile dysfunction (ED). The chemicals in tobacco cause narrowing of the blood vessels, which impacts circulation and impairs the ability to achieve or maintain an erection.



While alcohol may initially act as a relaxant, excessive consumption can depress the central nervous system and interfere with the signals needed for an erection. It can also lower testosterone levels, further impacting sexual function.



### DIET HABITS

**Excessive Sugary Intake**

Sugary Food such as milk tea, cakes, can contribute to weight gain, insulin resistance, poor cardiovascular health, lead to increase in blood glucose levels, which over time can damage blood vessels and reduce blood flow to the penis, making it harder to achieve or maintain an erection.



**Overuse of Stimulants**

Excessive use of stimulants like caffeine and energy drinks can increase anxiety, disrupt sleep patterns, and elevate blood pressure, all of which can contribute to erectile dysfunction. High levels of stress and poor blood flow are key factors that negatively affect sexual performance.

Dehydration can impair circulation and reduce energy levels, both of which are essential for erectile function. A well-hydrated body supports optimal blood flow and hormone function, promoting better erectile health.



### MENTAL STATE

**Poor Sleep Quality**

Lack of sufficient, restful sleep can interfere with hormone regulation, especially testosterone levels, which play a vital role in sexual function. Sleep disorders, such as sleep apnea, can lead to fatigue and poor circulation, further impairing erectile function.

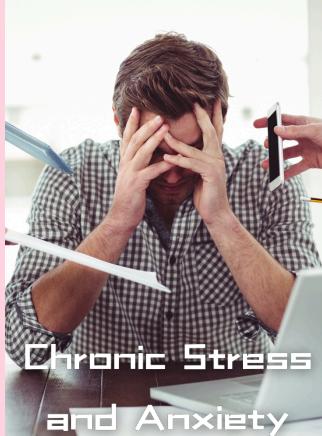


Psychological stress and anxiety can inhibit the brain's ability to send proper signals to the penis, leading to difficulty in achieving or maintaining an erection. Performance anxiety, stress at work, or relationship problems can create a vicious cycle of erectile dysfunction.



**Pornography Addiction**

Frequent consumption of pornography can lead to unrealistic expectations and desensitization to sexual stimuli, potentially causing psychological erectile dysfunction. This can create a dependency on external stimuli, making it difficult to achieve an erection without such stimulation.





## Appendix: References Article / Research

### BAD HABITS

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### MENTAL STATE

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